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Blair vows to ban all handguns

Political Correspondent

Tony Blair promised yesterday that a Labour government would legis-late for a total ban on handguns marking the end of the political truce on the issue after the Dunblane tragedy eight months ago.

The Commons voted late last night on the Government's propos-als for a partial ban, with the Tory benches heavily whipped as Ministers fought to minimise damage by its anti-guns MPs.

The Labour leader told The Independent: "If elected, we shall in the next parliament bring forward proposals in government time to amend this Bill to provide for a complete ban on handguns for general civilian use."

Yesterday afternoon, Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders united with Dunblane families to make an emotional last-minute appeal to MPs to ban all handguns.

George Robertson, Labour's Scottish affairs spokesman, described the vote, on a rebel Conservative amendment for a complete ban, as a *mo-

pared to spend the afternoon lobbying any wavering MPs, Anne Pearston, a leading organiser of the Snowdrop petition, said: "If the degoes the wrong way, there will be more deaths, more victims and more people whose lives are ruined."

And Robert Hughes, Tory MP for Harrow West, who tabled the rebel amendment for a total ban, also promised the fight would go on:

turned to in Parliament." With public opinion overwhelmingly on Labour's side, the opposition's argument was strengthened yesterday by news of the fatal shooting of four children in the United States. The children had been shot in the head with a .22-calibre gun. Their bodies were discovered in South Carolina on Sunday night.

The pro-gun lobby – brandishing placards outside parliament declaring "57,000 shooters are being pun-ished for one man's action" - sought to counter Labour's highly charged arguments.

Graham Downing, a council member of the British Shooting Sports Council, said: "There are far more guns in illegal circulation than in legitimate hands. This Bill is going to do nothing to take out the hundreds of thousands of guns in illegal circulation held by armed criminals." With parents of those murdered

both at Dunblane and at Hungerford watching from the Commons gallery, the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, told MPs the Government's Bill would give Britain some ment of critical decision, a moment when parliament would be on trial".

As Dunblane campaigners pretragedy, in which Thomas Hamilton killed 16 schoolchildren and their teacher in March. Under the Bill, which went further than the recommendations of Lord Cullen's inquiry, all guns above .22 calibre will be banned, and smaller-calibre weapons will be available for use only at gun clubs under strict conditions.

Earlier, on BBC radio, he said a total ban might "drive some legitimate activities underground and diminish the protection which the handguns in the name of sport. give up. It's an issue that can be re- public get". He said the protection This is just not an argument."

of the public was the aim of the Bill. while preserving a sport which had been "part of the Olympic Games since 1896".

And he defended the Government's decision to impose a three-line whip on Tory MPs: "You have to make a considered judgement and weigh up all those factors. That is what the Government has done and it expects its supporters in the House of Commons to support that judge-

ment in the usual way."

Mr Blair told The Independent that he would allow a free vote on the issue if he became Prime Minister, but added: "Our commitment to such a total ban is very clear. This is an issue that lies at the heart of public concern and it is right that we give this commitment today.

The Government faced a rebellion on both sides of the argument, with pro-shooting MPs led by Sir Jerry Wiggin arguing that the Bill went too far. Meanwhile, four Tories publicly backed the opposition parties' demand for a total ban. They included the former Cabinet minister David Mellor, who said he would vote against a government three-line whip for the first time in 17 years. There was no doubt which side

had the more effective hold on Eileen Harrild, a teacher who was shot and wounded in Dunblane, told a Westminster news conference:

"I am down here to try to shame

people into doing what I consider to be the right thing." She added: "It does seem ludicrous to me that [the Government] are thinking of retaining .22 calibre



Tutsis armed by South Africa

Exclusive Michael Ashworth

The war in central Africa has been fuelled by arms traders who have links to South African military intelligence - selling weapons to the Zairean rebels.

After revelations that a firm based in Britain had supplied the Rwandan Hutus with weapons, The Independent has learnt that the opposing side the Zairean rebels who are mainly Tutsi - are getting their weapons via both former and serving members of the South African services.

According to sources in the South African intelligence services, Ters Ehlers, a former personal assistant to the former S African state president PW Botha, is cu-ordinating one of the operations, using his con-

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Charles Anson, is leaving after

six years to join the food and

drinks giant Grand Metropol-

itan. His new salary is report-

A CIA employee was accused

of selling secrets to Moscow for

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such spying scandal in less than

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CIA 'traitor'

tacts in South African industry and the armed forces. The United Nations has launched an investigation into his activities.

Mr Ehlers and his associates. who include a former colonel in military intelligence and a retired general from the South African National Defence Force, are using their considerable contacts in the shadowy world of the South African intelligence and arms community to orchestrate an illegal operation that is destabilising

Sources in the police and national intelligence service say that arms and ammunition are flown by C-130 transport aircraft from Lanseria airport near Johannesburg to the capital of Zaire, Kinshasa. From there the aircraft flies to destinations in Angola and Rwanda supplying weapons to both the Angolan rebel movement, Unita, and the

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are shipped as mining equipment by a company known as CMC, an Angolan-based com-

pany which is also registered in Zaire, according to the sources. This allows the arms traders pretext of supplying mining equipment. Once in Kinshasa it refuels and flies to airfields in the south-east of Zaire, Rwanda and Angola. The lack of any adequate air traffic control and

Zairean Tutsi groups. The arms radar in Kinshasa enables the aircraft to fly to its destinations undetected A separate investigation is

also being conducted by the South African police and the National Intelligence Service to fly the aircraft on a legitimate flight plan to Kinshasa on the National Defence Force general and an ex-special forces officer who are alleged to be providing training to rebel and dissident groups throughout central Africa, including the Zairean Tutsis. The company being in-

vestigated is called Omega Sup-port Ltd and is run by Johan Smith, South Africa's former military attaché in Angola.

Mr Smith also works for a company called Strategic Concepts which is also being inves-tigated by the police. It is run by a former apartheid-era diplomat, Sean Cleary. As well as being an advisor to Jonas Savimbi, the Angolan rebel leader. Mr Cleary has also worked for the South African foreign affairs department and military intelli-

It has been believed for some time that elements within the South African officialdom were pursuing an agenda outside governmental control. This is a African Defence Force and theme that characterised the apartheid years but the aim is now different.

During apartheid, such activities were done primarily to destabilise South Africa's regional neighbours to under-mine opposition to the apartheid regime. Now the same policy continues but the rewards are financial rather than political.

Out of the myriad security organisations that evolved during apartheid and which, with minor transformations continue to this day, military intelligence is the "dark borse". It has been the least affected by the change of government and retains individuals in it that were very active in covert operations during

apartheid. According to Stephen Ellis of the African Studies Centre in the Netherlands: "The South their intelligence organisations virtually escaped scrutiny into their role in covert operations whereas the police operations

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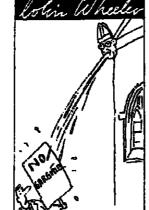
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Openmouthed over gargoyle ruling

An ecclesiastical court has allowed two living elergymen the dubious distinction of being denicted as limestone gargoyles in a parish church.

Plans for the gargoyles had divided the congregation of the 13th century St Peter's in Oundle, Northamptonshire, Four parishioners were boycotting services, claiming that gargoyles should only be made of the

Yesterday, in an 87-page judgment, Judge Thomas Coningsby, Chancellor of Peterborough diocese, said there was no aesthetic or legal reason why the two churchmen should not be made into gargoyles. The former Bishop of Peter-



borough, the Right Rev Bill Westwood, and the church's former vicar, Canon Lloyd Caddick, will now be recreated as has occurred here."

6in-high limestone carvings. The news will not be well-received by David Ritchie and his wife Margaret and Graham Gent and his wife Sandra, who turned up at a special hearing of the ecclesiastical court in the church last month to object to the gargoyle proposals. They have not attended the

church since the gargovle affair first reared its head last year. In his judgment, Judge Coningsby, expressed regret that the dispute had turned ugly. "There was fault on both sides in the way in which the dispute over the carved heads war conducted." he said. "Unfortunately it is possible for the most sincere people to be wrong about certain matters, and that is what

The legal costs are to be divided between both sides. Canon Caddick, the church's former vicar who still lives in Oundle, said:"Now it is over we can heal the wounds that have been caused by both sides. It will take time and sensitivity from everyone who is involved." But he declined to face up to

dispute. He said: "I haven't had time to read it. I can't comment on that." He hoped, however, that the four objecting parishioners ha not been scared off from th church and that they would re turn for services in the near fu

the judge's criticisms of the

The two stone carvings w cost around £600, which will b met by private donations.

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Virginia invents a new parlour game

on a London evening newspaper's list of "who to be seen with" at a dinner party were, respectively, Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown and Shadow Dark Force, Peter Mandelson. They were in odd company: others in the frame included luminaries such as Nastasha Drum (sic), "tall, dark door girl at the Atlantic Bar" and Tamara Yeardye, an "ex-Voguette". Ownership of a silly name seems to be one of the main qualifications.

But I couldn't help wondering, as Heritage questions unfolded beneath me, whether there weren't other MPs - just as deserving - who ought to be considered for inclusion. So, as burgundy jacket, wild-haired



DAVID AARONOVITCH

they spoke, I imagined myself scated next to them for a long evening. Would one have fun? First up to be judged on his partyability was one of Labour's residual socialists, the earnest bearded member for Islington North, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Cor-

byn has four appearances: wild-

homeless. They, he said, would not get "excited about Ferris wheels". So he failed the test. You could envisage a couple of guilt-ridden hours listening to feremy complaining about the food and drink being consumed while millions starved - your plass undrained, your fork permanently poised above the foie

the idea of a millennium Fer-

ris wheel on London's South

Bank, when thousands are still

Up bounced the ruddy, enthusiastic, bespectacled Labour member for Greenwich, Nick Raynsford. Where Corbyn was sour, Nick was sweet. The Millennium Exhibition (to be host-

Britain today, and be a worthy successor to the Great Exhibition of 1851". It will also, presumably, be somewhere for the homeless to go during the day. This English Tourist Office guff would be all right for the first five minutes, while Raynsford waxed lyrical about the area he lived in, the frequency of refuse collection and the shops in his

ten, you'd want to kill him. What about Dennis Skinner, much loved by right-wing journalists, who long for the days of lost Labour certainties? Dennis had worked out that loads more lottery money had gone to the Tory bits of Der- Jews, 1417 for Muslims, 2054 for

local High Street. But after

dinner party eyeing the food suspiciously, muttering under his breath that the scallops never quite seemed to make it up to his end of the table?

Then there was the licensed rude guest, Tony Banks; the one who is always determined to be a naughty boy at the age of fifty, cracking risque jokes and threatening to take his trousers

He followed a sanctimonious question from Sir Michael Allison about the "Millennium Christian Village" (Probably to be built in Sir Cliff Richard's garden), with a reminder that the year 2000 would be 5757 for

in burgundy jacket and neat in ed in his constituency) would byshire than to Labour bits. So windcheater. He was cross with represent "all that's best in would be spend the whole of a else (Zoroastrians, I think) and else (Zoroastrians, I think) and that he couldn't bear the thought that - with so many millennia to be celebrated - Ginny Bottomley would be in

charge of all of them. She, of course, would be the hostess of the party. "I happen to be a Conservative", she reproved Mr Banks, "and this is a Christian country ... and this is a Christian millennium". With one answer Virginia had invented a new parlour game:

Quasi Sequiturs. You start off by saying "I am (something)", and everyone else has to guess what the second part is. How about: I am a tall man and this is short sketch?

significant shorts

Awards for for killer of 'Independent' journalists

Two journalists at The Inde- A farmworker who pendent and the Independent bludgeoned a stable girl to on Sunday have won awards for death with an iron hook, last their reporting on social ser- night began a life sentence

Roger Dobson was named Journalist of the Year in the 1996 British Social Services Media Awards for his series of articles on child abuse scandals in North Wales. The judges praised Dobson's "classic investigative reporting, excellent content, the digging-out mastery and presentation of a large volume of fact... A journalist

who refused to give up".
The judges also highly commended Glenda Cooper for her coverage of care in the community describing it as an "insightful and graphic account of the issues of the mentally ill in the community. It is hard not to be affected by her journalistic

skills". The awards, co-ordinated by the social services organisation Jewish Care, were presented yesterday by Chris Smith, shadow health secretary.

Rabies all-clear for British bats

Britain's bats have been given the all-clear for rabies. Tests on nearly 2,000 sick bats of 23 different species carried out over the past 10 years have failed to find the lethal disease in a single one. three scientists from the Government's Central Veterinary Laboratory report in the latest issue of the Veterinary Record.

Meanwhile, a coroner's court in Hornsea, north london, concluded yesterday that Olawuale Shutti, 19, a British subject of Nigerian descent, died in Britain last month of the disease after being bitten by a rabid dog in Africa. Nicholas Schoon

Crime squad conviction overturned

A man awarded £50,000 after The West Midlands Serious Crime Squad handcuffed him and put a plastic bag over his head during interviews had his convictions quashed by the Court of Appeal vesterday. Derek Treadaway, 51, had served nine and a half years of a 15-year two counts of robbery and

two of conspiracy to rob.

Mr Treadaway became the 28th person imprisoned after investigations by the Squad to have his conviction

Call for ban on mix-sex wards

Mixed-sex hospital wards humiliate and degrade patients and should be banned from the NHS within two years, the Patients' Association said yesterday. The use of mixed-sex wards has grown dramatically over the past 10 years as part of the impetus to improve efficiency, and has led to hundreds of complaints of embarrassment, fear, assault

Mr Maginnis added: "I tend, and rape every year, it added. after 25, 26 years of terrorism, to be dismissive of those who Patients can choose whether they go into mixed wards but But Dr John Spiers. are so naive as to believe that the IRA has not got a strategy chairman of the association, this usually meant they had of violence designed to take them into the next millennium.
"I do not believe that they to wait even longer for a bed. Glenda Cooper have the slightest intention of

THE INDEPENDENT ABROAD

Stephen Webber murdered 27-year-old Jessie Huristone as she lay in bed in her caravan at racing stables in Buckfastleigh, south Devon, last October, three weeks after she began going out

for what the case judge called

"a terrible act of revenge".

Life sentence

stable girl

with a local man.

Webber, 39, who was said to have followed Jessie round like puppy, was convicted at Exeter Crown Court Mr Justice Rougier told Webber, of Buckfastleigh: "However that girl treated you, it was no excuse or mitigation for battering the life out of her in this terrible act of revenge,"

HIV infection 'on the rise'

Rates of HIV infection appear to be rising sharply in the inner cities, contrary to the accepted view that the epidemic is in decline. Research by doctors at St Mary's Hospital, west London, found infection rates had increased by about a third in two years.

The findings published in the Journal of Accident and Emergency Medicine were based on anonymous tests of patients attending the hospital's accident and emergency department. In 1992-93, one in 77

people attending the accident and emergency unit was found to be infected. Two years later the rate had risen to one in 30.

The patients involved were aged 16 to 45. Foreign nationals accounted for three in four in 1992-93, but only one in five in 1994-95. Gle

Late arrivals blight holidays

Only about half of holiday flights are leaving or arriving on time, latest figures show. At Gatwick - the UK's busiest holiday airport, only 46 per cent of charter flights were on time (within 15 minutes) in the period April to June 1996. The best performer was Birmingham where 65 per cent were

Campuses hit by pay strike

Universities and higher education colleges will be picketed by staff of all shades today when academic and manual workers join forces to strike over pay.

Eight unions representing over 100,000 employees are staging a 24-hour walkout, which will close many campuses, in protest at a 1.5 per cent offer for academics and 2.5 per cent for manual workers

Police release back files

An investigation was launched last night after files on police inquiries, crime suspects and witnesses were found dumped in a back lane near Newcastle upon Tyne. The finder even came across his own juvenile crime record among the papers, which related to crimes committed in the city in the 1980s.

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Radiolimes IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

Discovery of bomb ruins ceasefire hope

David McKittrick Ireland correspondent

Recent police warnings that more IRA attacks are in the pipeline were appeared justified yesterday when the RUC announced it had discovered a planned bomb attack in Lon-

donderry.
The RUC said a search of the Springtown Road area of the

tacks on police and Army patrois. A hole had been dug at the roadside, while insulating tape, pliers and a command wire which had been painted green were found.

The operation began around 7am on Saturday after people were seen acting suspiciously in the vicinity. Two people are be-

ing questioned by detectives.

RUC Inspector Norman city had uncovered equipment generally used in landmine at-

trol - that would be the usual pattern for this type of attack in the past." The incident has cast further doubt on a weekend newspaper

The most likely target would

have been a police or Army pa-

report that the IRA had told the British and Irish governments that an unofficial ceasefire was in place to facilitate private contacts between republicans and Dublin.

Major tries to mend bridges with Unionists

Loyalist leaders will meet the Prime Minister, John Major tomorrow at Downing Street at the same time as ministers seek to restore relations with the Ulter Unionists following the last week's vote against the Government in the Commons over the ban on beef exports.

The Loyalist leaders, David Ervine of the Progressive Unionist Party, and Gary McMichael, of the Ulster Democratic Party, will underline their concern about the ceasefire holding on the Loyalist side in spite of the renewed violence by the IRA in London

and Ulster. Ulster Unionist leaders, who last week registered their anger at the Government over the beef crisis, appeared to be hardening their position against accepting Sinn Fein at the round-table talks until the IRA began anding over arms.

The Loyalists have been more forthright than the Unionists in seeking inclusive all-party talks, including Sinn Fein. Ministers are believed to be working on plans to allow a partial lifting of the export ban for Northern Ireland to put to the European agriculture commis-

sioner, Franz Fischler. It was the absence of a deal to lift the ban on exports of beef from Ulster herds that led to Unionist MPs voting against the Government, which survived by only one vote.

The pressure on the Government to reach a deal with the Unionists has heightened speculation about the stalled peace talks in Northern Ireland. The Ulster Unionists appeared in handing over weapons before Sinn Fein could be admitted after a ceasefire.

The Prime Minister is expected to reassure the Loyalist leaders at the meeting tomorrow, which was agreed at their request, that there will be no change in the Government's policy on admitting Sinn Fein to all-party talks. Government sources said last night that Sinn Fein would be admitted after it was made clear the ceasefire was permanent.

The Government is still sceptical about a lasting ceasefire in spite of rumours about a Christmas peace - but was en-couraged by the remarks last week by Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness suggesting that

retary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, and there should be an "indicative" the Irish Foreign Minister Dick rather than "rigid" timetable for Spring are to meet in Belfast topolicy papers submitted in the progress to last few days to be hardening settlement. progress towards a peaceful morrow to review the political and security situation.

Terry Venables: New ruling

Venables says he is vindicated over evidence

lan Burrell

night he felt completely vindicated by a court ruling yesterday that set aside a previous judgment in which his evidence was castigated by a judge.

Venables's credibility suf-fered a damaging blow when in Scribes West was faced with a bill a court hearing last December his evidence was described as er its own legal costs. "rather wanton" and not "en-tirely reliable to put it at its most team applied for the case to be

Mr Recorder Donald Williams Terry Venables, the former Eng- as he found against Venables in land football coach, said last a case brought by Jeffrey Fugler, a businessman, who was suing Scribes West, Venables's London club, for an unpaid £20,000 bill.

Although the sum was reduced to £14,000, and Fugier ordered for more than £100,000 to cov-

retried after obtaining further

evidence which related to the original Fueler invoice. the accompanying comments had been particularly damaging Lawyers representing Fugler to Venables as he prepared the

nouncement SDLP leader John

Hume, who has been involved

in the channel of communica

tions between the two sides, said

he hoped to see another IRA

ceasefire but added: "I cannot

place it on a higher plane than

Although Mr Hume, Sinn Fein and the Government had

all denied knowledge of an un-official ceasefire, the fact that

the IRA had carried out no ma-

jor acts of violence for more

than a month had led to spec-

ulation that a serious negotia-

curity spokesman Ken Magin-

the fact that the bomb attack was planned in Mr Hume's

Foyle constituency was "a deliberate poke in the eye for him

and for what he says he is try-

altering that strategy short of to-

tal capitulation to them, which

is not going to happen. Until in

fact we convince ourselves that

that is the case, we will not be

able to deal effectively with

those who would bring death

and destruction to Northern Ire-

The Northern Ireland Sec-

Ulster Unionist MP and se-

said yesterday that

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at the hearing at Central Lon-don County Court, quickly consented to the judgment being set aside and agreed to pay back the £14,000 plus costs. Venables, who is expected to

tralian team coach at a press conference in London today, said the comments had remained at the back of his mind for the past 11 months. The original judgment and

be announced as the new Aus-

England team for last summer's Euro 96 tournament. The judge said some of Venables's evidence "contradicted" both his own version of

events in his recently published autobiography and evidence Venables had previously given in connection with the liquidation proceedings involving Scribes West. He also appeared unimpressed with Venables's assertion, made in court, that he

Venables said last night he had been shocked by the judge's attack at the earlier hearing. He said: "It was the most damaging thing, when a judge goes out of his way to say something like that." He said he still felt he had been the victim of a conspiracy.

"What happened to me was ... disgraceful. I have been talk. ing about conspiracy and everyone said I was paranoid but this proves there was reason to it and that's only the beginning.

Mixed reaction to triumph for equality as Italian becomes sport's latest victim, writes **Louise Jury**

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> It was a triumph for equality that sparked widespread alarm Women boxers yesterday cheered the decision to permit members of the female sex as young as 10 to compete in amateur boxing contests.

But it left opponents, led by the medical establishment, shaking their heads in disbeliei at the extension of a sport they view as barbaric just as another fighter, Italian Fabrizio De Chiara, was pronounced dead.

Women's boxing is not new. But for years the only place women could box competitively was in back-street pubs, cometimes topless, in unregulated fights that could degenerate into nasty scraps.

The Women's International Boxing Federation (WIBF) was set up in 1993 to introduce some control and structure.

But the 10-four vote by the Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) will end 116 years of tradition by allowing women and girls to fight in the same way as the boys for the first time in ABA-approved bouts.

Jane Couch, 28, a professional fighter and the WIBF welterweight champion, said she was delighted.

"I'm pleased for girls who are going to take up the sport. It would have been a lot easier for me if I could have started with amateur fights."

And Pauline Dickson, 31, a founder of the WIBF and its English offshoot, the Association of Women Boxers, said: "I think it's great news.

There are lots and lots of women who want to do it. But before, if there was a young girl who came along to our gym, we could train her but she couldn't comnete. It was very difficult to keep the motivation going.".....

ly shared yesterday. Doctors who believe the sport should be hanned despaired.

The British Medical Association called the decision a "ret-

rograde step".
Dr Bill O'Neill, its science and research adviser, said boxing was as dangerous for women as for men and possibly more so. "The essential argument against boxing is the risk of brain damage, which is cumulative, and the risk to the eye,

threatening sight."
Dr Adrian Whiteson, chief medical adviser to the British Boxing Board of Control, which governs professional boxing,

"I don't think enough is to women for such a decision to be made. Blows around the breast or chest can induce bruising and the nodule which is created is difficult to distinguish from cancer. No one is saving it increases the chances of cancer - but no surgeon is going to say, 'carry on', he's going to remove the lump.

Sam Gaibraith, consultant neurosurgeon and Labour MP, take part and in the last two said: "It's a shame that rather years, the sport's international



known about the potential risks In the ring: Women boxers will be able to fight in competitive bouts after yesterday's decision by the ABA

than trying to curtail boxing they're extending it. Women are in the advantageous position not boxing.

Commander Rod Robertson, chairman of the Amateur Boxing Association, said they were responding to a groundswell of pressure.

Amateur Boxing Association choice." and the European Amateur

"In addition, the Sports Council requires us, as a na- freedom of choice. At last tional governing body, to make they've got it." sure our sport is open to as many people as possible. I'm not saying necessarily that boxing about taking them on. "They're

and the European Amateur
Boxing Association, had given
At his gym near Bristol, trainer Tex Woodward echoed the sentiment. "For a long time women have been looking for

He was equally delighted for should be encouraged for much more attentive and the

more skills they learn."

Fellow coach Sandra Rouse, who had given up in exasperation at the ABA's position, was considering a return. "There but because they were not allowed to do this and that be-

Yet while the English women to win the title like this."

terday was very different. Vincenzo Imparato, the boxer in the ring with 25-year-old De Chiara when he collapsed on Saturday, said he would rather have lost was lots of enthusiasm from girls the fight than live through the agonies of losing his friend. "I could not sleep last night,

fore they drifted off into other he said. "I just keep thinking about De Chiara. I didn't want

Whitbread puts foodie novel back on the gravy train

If food really is the new rockand-roil, then a stylish and erudite novel featuring a gourmet psychopath might be expected to shoot to the top of the charts and stay there. Or so the publisher Picador must have thought when it blew a fat slice sur, which today appears on the shortlist for the Whitbread First Novel Award.

Lanchester - a restaurant British publication. critic and editor at the London Review of Books - found that his fictional debut became the focus of one of the most intensive hearts-and-minds campaigns ever mounted on behalf of a literary novel in Britain.

Picador bought up the front cover of the blannual bumper issue of The Bookseller magazine. early warning of a blockbuster to the people who will have to sell it in the bookstores. Postcards of the jacket illustration - inscious lemons from

a Spanish still-life painting were scattered all over literary

Translation deals were done

Boyd Tonkin. The Independent's new literary editor, offers a cautionary tale on the perils of hype in the publishing world

Picador held a party for Lan-chester at the 1995 Frankfurt Prize, and it bizarrely won a Bet-Book Fair, five months prior to

But even in an age of hype, publishers cannot buy acclaim. For a demanding debut novel in hardback, The Debt to Pleasure did reasonably well, with British sales that will have edged towards 10,000 by now. But after all the pre-publication fanfare it sank like a mistimed souffle

in this country. Euroster
Many critics turned up their call it. noses at its dislikeable parrator, Tarquin Winot, and his foodie flourishes, although John Walsh in The Independent praised "a supreme literary construct that's

of its annual budget on John for a dozen European lan-nious sniff at a major prize. His lanchester's The Debr to Plea-guages at a very early stage: book surfaced on the unofficial ty Itask Award - a prize originally designed to recognise romantic fiction.

Lanchester's publishers will not mind too much about tepid British reactions, however. With the story's setting in French Provence and its multi-lingual kitchen chatter, his book embodies fiction for the single European Union market - the Eurostar novel, you might

By the time that the book appeared in March, 12 translations were under way, including Catalan, Turkish and Danish versions. Now, the list of 20 also deliciously entertaining". translations includes Korean, resents Lanchester's second se-ternational profile makes it a bungry.

perfect choice for Picador, part of the Macmillan group. Until last year, Macmillan -

the family firm of the former Tory premier, Harold - was as British as roast beef and malt whisky. Then, in a £200m buyout, the company passed into the ownership of Holtzbrinck, a German media multinationlong list for this year's Booker al whose interests range from Scientific American magazine to the New York publishers Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Holtzbrinck takes a hands-off approach to its new British acquisition, but Picador's cosmopolitan murder yarn now has a publisher to match.

In today's book business, the grumbles of a few domestic reviewers are unlikely to stop other markets from making a meal of The Debt to Pleasure. Author, agents, translators and publishers will be well fed by the novel's global reach.

But some of Picador's other authors, who may find next year's advances cupboard looking extremely bare, will no The Whithread shortlist rep- Hebrew and Croatian. This in- doubt be left feeling pretty

No laughing matter: Bob's jokes are saved

There was rejoicing yesterday, in some quarters anyway, at the news that comedian Bob Monkhouse's joke books, missing since July last year, had been

The books, containing the comedian's "life's work", were on their way back to him after his agent Peter Pritchard was handed the books yesterday by a man asking for "a five figure

Mr Monkhouse, 68, presenter of the National Lottery Show, immediately offered a £10,000 reward for the return of the books when they disappeared from his briefcase whilst he was working at the BBC Television Centre in London almost 18 months ago.

The thickly-bound maroon books contained more than 25 years of the comedian's work including fully-scripted jokes and ideas for sketches and plays. News of the age of some of the jokes brought a wry smile to the faces of several of Mr

Monkhouse's colleagues at the time of the theft. Stan Boardman quipped:

"When they find it, how will they know it's a joke book?" Mr Monkhouse was not amused: "Every idea I have had I write down in the books: dia-

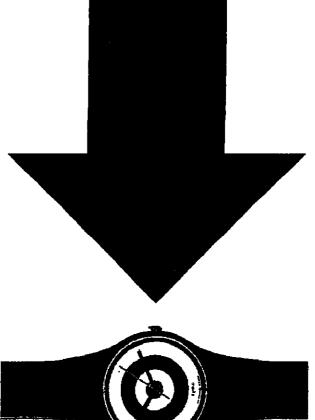
logue, thoughts for plays, books

and shows, all in longhand, and I always kept them in my pos-Last night a 47-year-old man was helping police with their inquiries after the A4 maroon

folders were recovered and a £10,000 reward, handed over. Mr Monkhouse had started new joke books from scratch after the theft, but the two volumes amounted to his life's work, Mr Pritchard said. "It

caused us a lot of problems," he

Bob Monkhouse said: "My agent told me 'your babies have returned home. That which you have inadvertently set free has come home'. To say I am overjoyed would be understating my state of mind. I am ec-



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Official secrecy blamed for BSE crisis worsening

Stephen Goodwin leritage Correspondent

Censorship and the silencing of government scientists had contributed to the crisis over mad cow disease, public health experts claimed yesterday at a conference called to explore the lessons of the BSE affair for Britain's system of government. One notable absentee from the day-long debate was anyone from the Ministry of Agriculture. Douglas Hogg's Department had been invited by Charter 88, the conference organisers, to send a representalive, but had declined

Andrew Puddephatt, director of Charter 88, campaigners for democratic reform, said the story of BSE was a story of ten years of secrecy, of policy torn between two imperatives: "the protection of the farming industry on the one hand and the avoidance of the use of taxpayers' money on the other."

But the most damning evidence came from medical and public health professionals attending the conference which was held in London.

Dr Helen Grant, a retired neuropathologist, said MAFF vets had refused to make use of

a live urine test devised to detect animals infected with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy and had "denigrated" the test whenever asked about it.

There is "officially" no live test, Dr Grant said, yet it had been used successfully on 14 out of 14 humans infected with the BSE-equivalent Creutzfeldt-Jakob discase.

In a paper circulated at the conference Dr Grant said a government virologist who, in 1990, offered a test to diagnose the disease in sub-clinically affect-ed animals going through abat-toirs and into the food chain had been ordered to stop his research work and was eventually dismissed. Dr Noel Olson, chairman of

the UK Public Health Medicine Consultative Committee, said it was considered "exceptionally unlikely" that there would be a massive epidemic of the new variant CJD but it need never have happened at all if the "precautionary principle", had been the basis of government policy. Instead MAFF had acted in pursuit of profitability and an inappropriate political desire

Calls for an end to MAFF's

conflict of interest as the regulator of farmers and food manufacturers representative were led by Gerard Callaghan from Belfast whose brother Maurice died from CJD last November, aged 30, but there was also a warning against creating a food quango which was less accountable to Parliament and

department.
The only significant break from the consensus on MAFF secrecy came from lan Gardiner, director of policy for the NFU, who said there was no shortage of information in the half-yearly reports though it might not be in a very useful form for the general public. Mr Gardiner took particular

exception to a suggestion by Mr Puddephatt in an article in last Friday's Independent that people's lives were being put at risk as MAFF tried to protect one of the "most powerful lobby groups" - the farming

"I find that an astonishing statement for anybody to make as farmers need to ensure that their products reach our plates with total safety," said Mr



The 'Absolutely Fabulous' star Joanna Lumley preparing for her role as official starter of the House of Lords versus House of Commons charity race yesterday. With her are competitors Lord Astor of Hever (left) and Graham Riddick MP

Photograph: Stefan Rousseau/PA

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor.

Crown Prosecution Service

demoralised" and hampered

by bureaucracy from doing the

front-line job of prosecuting

criminals, according to a survey

More than half those reply-ing to the MORI survey said

that they would like to leave the CPS, which has had a troubled

10-year history since it replaced

Professor Bob Worcester,

MORI's chairman, said the study

had thrown up "the highest neg-

ative scores that we have ever

measured in over 400 organisa-

tions", in terms of the CPS as a place to work, job satisfaction, the

credibility of information from

The research was commis-

sioned by the First Division As-

sociation (FDA), the senior

civil servants' union represent-

lawvers, after the Attorney-

General, Sir Nicholas Lyell,

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No suspects crack in Labour wall of silence

John Rentoul Political Correspondent

Day Four of the hunt for Cassandra, the anonymous Labour MP who predicted Tony Blair's early political demise, and still no suspect has cracked under the white lights in the whips'

But already threats of legal action from those on the suspects list are flying at Westminster. Brian Sedgemore, who was once Mr Blair's MP in Hackney, wrote to the Labour leader yesterday offering to omsoever of your aides is guilty" of mentioning his name to The Independent as the likely author of last Friday's Tribune article.

"For the record I am not Cassandra and did not write or have anything to do with writing the offending article. It lacked wit and style and its analysis was, in my view, wrong," he wrote, adding: "I look forward to seeing you as the Prime Minister for the next decade."

Cassandra predicted that Labour would win the election, but that by the end of next year a series of challenges would leave Mr Blair "isolated and weakened beyond recovery".

Tell-tale political clues in the article suggeted a member of the centrist mainstream of the party who has been an MP for some time. Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock are described as "obvious losers", while Cas-sandra observes of Mr Blair's terly and personally critical of their leader."

Demoralised lawyers

want to leave CPS

Kevin Goodwin, the CPS

convenor, said that at a time

when an ever-increasing law-

and-order programme was be-

ing added to the statute book,

the CPS had had its budget cut

and dozens of lawyer vacancies were not being filled. Staff were

still committed to an indepen-

dent prosecuting authority but were "degraded, demotivated, demeaned and demoralised,"

while they felt they were running

the service more in the interests

of the bureaucracy rather than

in the interests of fighting crime.

786 members who returned

their questionnaires said the

of the worst places to work, and

nine out of ten believed it had

got worse since they joined. More than three-quarters be-

lieved that the recent team-

working initiative - when

experienced prosecuting lawyers were given manage-

ment jobs but according to the

FDA were not replaced - had

resulted in a worse service to the

More than two-thirds of the

concerns.

But the key political clue is Cassandra's prediction of an early "palace coup" against Mr Blair, led by Labour's own "men in grey suits", and his probable replacement by the leftish Robin Cook, the shadow Foreign Secretary who has "built the strongest parliamentary repu-tation since John Smith".

This is close to the known view of Ken Livingstone who wrote an article last December speculating on what would happen if Mr Blair in government state: "Although Labour rules do not allow a leadership challenge while the party is in gov ernment, I have no doubt that Blair would become the first Labour leader since Gaitskell to face a serious leadership challenge if he attacked the welfare state." (Cassandra also mentioned Harold Wilson's 1961 challenge against Gaitskell.)

Intensive stylistic analysis of the article, meanwhile, reveals a tendency to long but disciplined sentences, and an unusual use of the ablative absolute.

Another suspect who has denied authorship, John Garrett, the Tribune Group member who is retiring from his Norwich South seat at the next election. was sceptical about Mr Cook displacing Mr Blair after a Labour victory: "I doubt that." An article Mr Garrett wrote

in January 1994 started with a leadership: "I have never 48-word sentence, but lacked known Labour MPs to be so bit- any more conclusive evidence.

resentatives to discuss their public, while 91 per cent felt that speaking up when they dis-

mage their career prospects. Barbara Mills QC, the Di-rector of Public Prosecutions and the head of the service, said yesterday she did not accept the FDA survey as fully representative. She referred to the CPS's own survey of all staff, published last September, which she said was based on a 62 per cent return rate, while the FDA survey resented only 12 per cent of all staff. "Management have been aware for some time that there are some members of staff who are not satisfied with some aspects of their work ... These issues will be properly ad-CPS was below average or one dressed when drawing up our plans for the future, to which we hope FDA will contribute."

Yesterday's survey suggests deep-seated problems remain. Comments from respondents who are paid around £20,000 to £40,000, include: "Lawyers spend their time filling in forms and dealing with queries from Area HQ on matters such as why a mileage claim is a day late."

Elderly missing out on top up' benefits

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

Nearly a million pensioners could be failing to claim their top up" benefits, according to figures released yesterday.

The figures may also mark a 35 per cent increase in pensioners in the lowest income levels. The Government is unclear about the precise numbers who are entitled to benefits, which they are failing to claim, but its latest estimates suggest that the total number of pensioners failing to claim income support had risen from 710,000 to 955,000 by the end of 1994-

It reinforced a campaign by Labour to put pressure on the Government to take statutory action to make more elderly people aware of the benefits that are unclaimed.

Harriet Harman, the shadow social security secretary, said the figures showed that the more pensioners were living in poverly because they were failing to claim the benefits to which they

were entitled. She urged all pensioners to write to the Government in support of Labour amendments to the Social Security Fraud Bill before its second reading in the Commons next Monday. The Bill gives the authorities the power to cross-check computer records of social security claimants to curb fraud. But Ms Harman is seeking to use the new powers to identify pensioners who are not claiming



Minas, Brazil, 1996. A coffee plantation worker toils in 80 degree heat to earn 56p an hour. It's not enough but it's better than nothing. Nothing is what he earned last week when bad weather stopped the harvest. Nothing is what he will earn for the next eight months, when the season is over.

A family is paid a pittance for an 11 hour day.

A child of 6 is taken from school to work in the harvest season.

A man breaks a leg in transit to work, but gets no compensation. This is one side of the coffee

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Rather than add to the jam, motorists exit from the

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50,000 British motorists with

gives information as the driver

route-finding equipment.

The Government yesterday announced a £30m plan to tackle traffic congestion by

using a vast network of underroad sensors to inform mo-

The sensors will feed information about traffic levels to new Regional Traffic Control

Centres, which will relay details to drivers on electronic notice-

boards and dashboard display

posals on how to run the sys-

tem by charging motorists for

information on alternative un-

was welcomed by motoring or-

ganisations but criticised by en-

vironmental groups, which said

it would create greater congestion on minor roads.

new measures would not mean

found a panacea for congestion

and I doubt whether we ever

three new regional traffic con-trol centres which will work with

the 32 existing police controls

to give more detailed and quick-

er information on where tail-

backs are and where they are

likely to be in one to two hours.

information will be passed to

drivers is through the use of the

roadside electronic notice-

boards, known as "variable

message signs", now operating

on motorways and trunk roads.

metal composite and are able to

assess the amount of traffic on

a road through alterations in the magnetic field. They will even-

tually be fitted throughout

Britain's 6,500-mile network of motorways and trunk roads.

scheme could be up and running

within two to three years after

the bidding process gets under

that road traffic could double by

the existing road network as

possible and to persuading mo-

torists to seek alternative forms

Drivers will be able to receive

details of congestion on their in-

features in many new cars.

was welcomed by Trafficmaster,

a Milton Keynes company

of transport.

the year 2025 but it is now com

The Government believes

mitted to make as much use of known as "intelligent transport

which are becoming standard and a verbal system, which

Yesterday's announcement is going along costs £80.
as welcomed by Trafficmaster,
Vauxhall has signed an agree-

systems".

Mr Watts said that the

The road sensors are made of

One way that the improved

The new plan is to create

an end to motorway jams.

will," he said.

Mr Watts admitted that the

"I don't believe we have

The announcement, by John Watts, the transport minister,

Private companies have been invited to submit pro-

torists of jams.

units in cars.

congested routes.

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by a torchlight in her face.

The intruder, who she described as a black man wearing a black woolly hat, told her and her husband. Justin, to pull the bedcovers over their faces or

"He was waving [the knife] from side to side a couple of feet from my face...he said What can you give me? What have you got?" Mrs Short said.

card numbers.' Justin gave him a duff number... I was absolutely terrified. I thought he

Shortly afterwards Douglas

she had been told later by police that the he had died. Earlier, the coroner, Sir

Montague Levine, had warned against any harassment of witnesses. "I'm mindful that emotions and feelings have been running extremely high con-cerning the demise of Wayne Douglas," he said.

Orivers in their cars can pay to recieve more detailed information (

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The AA said drivers would

welcome more information but

the project should not be used

Rebecca Rees, of the AA,

said: "It is increasingly frus-

trating for millions of drivers

which has become the com- 100,000 cars with the new Traf- had something like this. People Don Foster, the Liberal De- England, said the plan could mercial world leader in what are ficmaster Oracle system, which don't know what the problems morat MP whose Road Traf- have the effect of masking the had something like this. People

> Three members of the jury had been replaced after two said they had links with police and one said she "could not cope". The jury heard that Douglas, who was 25, had been depressed at the still-born death of his first

child two weeks previously.

His sister Lisa Douglas-Williams said that the unemployed postman, who had been living in a hostel, had wanted to "get away from everything" with his girlfriend Nadine - a

The court was told that Ms Douglas-Williams saw a report at 10.30pm on the day of the robbery saying that a man had died at Brixton police station. "I phoned and asked if he was

straightaway," she said.
She was eventually told to call the Scotland Yard press bureau and at 4pm the following day she was called by a police in-spector who told her that the

about the burglary. When she went to identify the body, she found the postmortem had already taken place. A further post-mortem has since taken place at the family's request.

The inquest continues.

turned to work in his parish admitting he made a mistake. His "brief encounter" with Steven Barber, a 36-year-old nurse, led him to being slashed in the face with a scalpel and needing more than 200 stitches. Yesterday an Old Bailey paid dearly for it."

judge ordered that Barber should be sent to a secure psychiatric unit indefinitely. The Reverend Nigel Asbridge returned to the Holy Innocents church in Hornsey,

north London, a few months af-"His congregation has been very supportive throughout," said the Rev Rob Harrison, a spokesman for the Bishop of Edmonton yesterday. "There was no long term relationship.

tremely short term. It was a very

"There is no question he is a practising homosexual. He is committed to the principle that homosexual clergy should aim to lead celibate lives. He admits he has made a mistake and has

problem of traffic growth.

Researchers are developing

a sleep-detector in an attempt

to curb road accidents caused

by drivers nodding off at the

wheel A Rover 216 is being fit-

The research at the Univer-

sity of the West of England,

Bristol, has a two-pronged ap-

proach - on-board monitors will

check a driver's control move-

ments, such as steering, in the

ted with computer equipment

to measure the effect of drowsi-

ness on a driver.

Barber admitted causing Mr Asbridge grievous bodily harm in December last year. He had seen "a vision" and had gone to the clergyman's home intending to kill himself.

ic's eyes and he ran to the door but in panic could not open it. said Mr Walsh. Barber slashed him through the forehead, nose

normal alert state and when fa-

tigue sets in, and this informa-

tion will be compared with

"medilogs", recordings of brain,

eye and muscle activity which fo-

The researchers believe that

computers currently involved in

engine management could be

adapted to include the logging

of driver behaviour, so that

warning signals could be given

if driving control patterns indi-

cated that a driver was in dan-

ger of falling asleep.

Vicar vows to lead celibate

cus on levels of drowsiness.

open the door and escape. He saw Barber slash his own neck. Barber appeared in court bearing scars where he tried to cut himself from ear to ear.

developed into an emotional

Lib Dems would prefer the tax route

...but the

Chief Political Correspondent

An increase of 3p per litre on petrol and diesel duty was pro-posed yesterday by Paddy Ashdown's Liberal Democrat Party as part of a package of measures for a "green edge" to next Tuesday's Budget to curb socalled "gas guzzlers".

The increase in fuel duty would allow the Road Fund Licence fee to be slashed from £140 to £10 a year on smallerengined cars and persuade more motorists to give up cars with bigger, more polluting

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And switching the tax on motoring from the road fund licence to petrol duty would cut fraud on car tax discs.

Liberal Democrat MP Matthew Taylor, denied it would increase the tax burden. He also called on firms to shift down to fleets of cars with 1.500cc engines.

"It would cost just 3p a litre. lower than the increases the Government has been putting through anyway. In that way you encourage people to own 1.5 litre vehicles or lower that are less polluting in the first place. And it means people pay per journey, rather than on ownership of the car.

"So the elderly person who needs to have a car to get around at all and is probably doing low mileage would be much better off," said Mr Tay-

But the Government was not impressed."It is tax on rural communities," said a Tory spokesman. "The Liberal Democrats are trying to be all

things to all men.' Mr Taylor pointed out that the Chancellor has imposed higher-than-inflation increases in petrol duty. He also called for a carbon tax on fossil fuels.

He rejected Government claims that it would lead to higher domestic fuel costs,

Man who died in cell was knifepoint robber

which helps the driver to plan as an excuse to scale down ex-

ment with the company to fit 100,000 cars with the new Traf-had something like this. People

their cash cards.

A man who died in police cus-tody last year had robbed a young couple in their beds at risk being stabbed. knifepoint hours earlier, an inquest heard yesterday.
On the opening day of the in-

quest into the death of Wayne Douglas, which caused riots in Brixton in south-west London "He said: 'Give me your cash last year, the couple told how they feared for their lives after - he broke into their home and threatened them with a kitchen knife before making off with

was going to stab us."
Mrs Short, a primary teacher, added: "Although I was terrified and in fear of my life I would Katharine Short, who was visibly distressed while giving evsay that be had quite a friendidence, told Southwark Crown Court how she had been wokly looking face," she said. en in her Brixton flat in the ear-

was arrested nearby carrying the stolen property. Mrs Short said ly hours of Tuesday 5 December:

relays traffic details over the car are, where they are or what al-fic Reduction Bill will have its

Government has admitted that

by the year 2025, the number of

cars on British roads will have

doubled but that simply build-

ing more roads is not a realis-

said that rather than making

Government should be en-

couraging them to abandon

Don Foster, the Liberal De-

their cars altogether.

Jam today: The Government hopes its £30m scheme to place sensors under roads telling motorists about blockages will help cope with a doubling of traffic by 2025

ternative routes to take." The first reading in Parliament to-

transport

morrow, said the £30m could

have been better spent on en-

couraging people to use public

anti-car bill but we want car use

to be more efficient. The easi-

est way to do this is to reduce traffic," he said.

Lilli Matson, of the Council

for the Protection of Rural

"We are not trying to be

in custody and they said no dead man was her brother and

life after attack by gay lover A vicar, scarred for life in an at- The sexual relationship was ex- head. Blood ran into the cler- from Aids and was going to die, tack by his gay lover, has re-

brief encounter.

Mr Asbridge had tried to dis-arm Barber when he pulled out a scalpel and threatened to kill himself, said Peter Walsh, for the prosecution. Barber then told Mr Asbridge he was going to kill him and struck him with the scalpel on the top of the

and lips and into the neck. Mr Asbridge managed to

Mr Asbridge was introduced to Barber in 1993. Barber had told him he was depressed and wanted someone to talk to. "It

and sexual relationship." But during a holiday in Greece in 1994, Barber became violent towards the vicar,

pression Barber was suffering

so he took a sympathetic attitude, the court was told.

Joanna Greenberg, QC, for the defence, said: "This is a trag-ic case for all concerned. Obviously for the Reverend, who had had his private life exposed and suffered grave injuries - but no less for this defendant who had made a contribution, through his work, to others."

Mr Harrison said that Mr Asbridge had been interviewed by the Bishop of Edmonton before returning to work, but there had never been any question of him being suspended. "He is a very good vicar. He is clearly the victim. He had tried to help threatening to kill him. Steven Barber - his intention al-Mr Asbridge had the im-ways was to be helpful and

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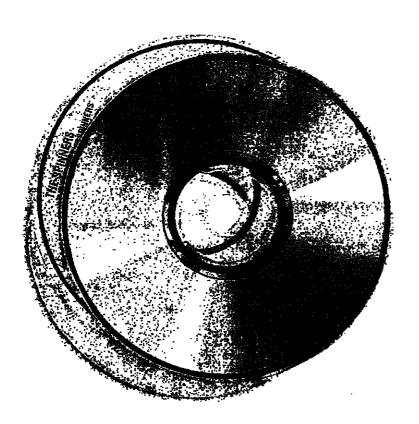


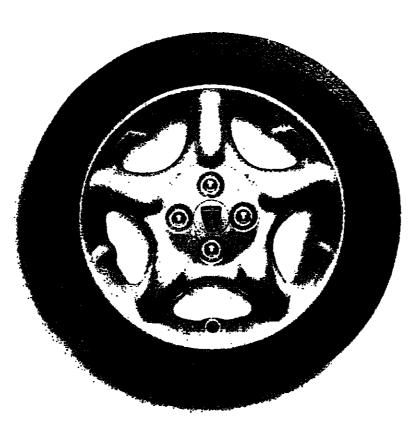


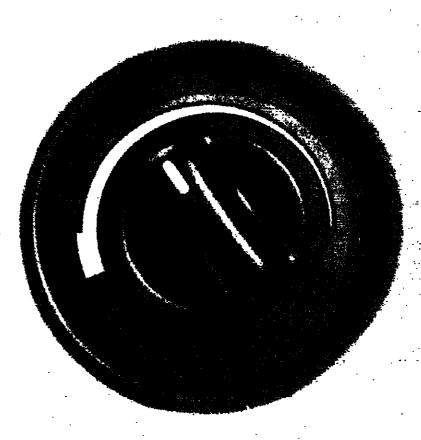
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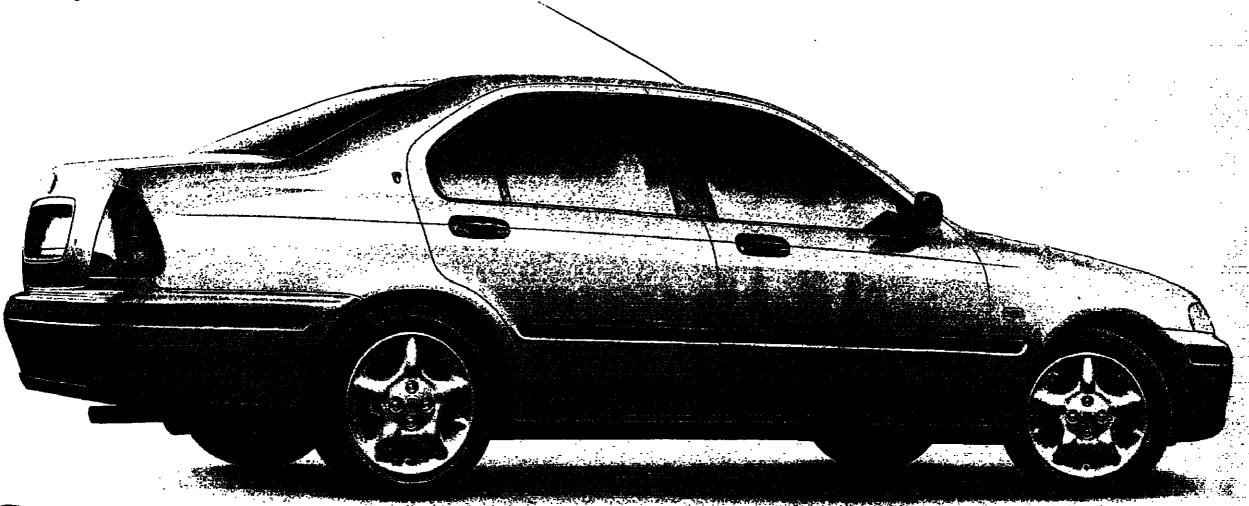
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Las Vegas and Charles Arthur

Having won the war for control of the desktop computer, Bill Gates of Microsoft has set his sights on a new battlefront: the handheld computer.

Microsoft, the world's largest software company, chose the Comdex computer trade show in Las Vegas to launch its new Windows CE operating system

a cut-down version of Windows 95 designed to work with

palm-sized computers The initiative was backed by seven big PC and electronics companies which launched their own hand-held computers, all designed to use Windows CE. Compaq, Hewlett-Packard, Casio Computer, Hitachi, NEC, LG Electronics and Philips all weighed in with their own products, due in shops by the end of

the year.
Each has been designed to use Windows CE. Without it, none of the companies would have been likely to move into a market niche that has remained stubbornly small.

However, the move by Microsoft and its heavyweight allies had one notable absentee
- Psion, the British company which has achieved huge in-ternational sales for its handheld Series 3 computers.

While there are some 150 million PCs in the world, there are fewer than five million handheld computers. Past efforts such as Apple's Newton and Fujitsu's Poquet have been market failures.

The Psion Series 3, launched in 1991, has sold more than a million around the world and stands out as a notable success. retain details of one or two city Yesterday, Psion launched a centres. suite of Internet connection software for the Series 3. A spokesman for the company said: "We think that any inter-

US computer giant your desktop PC could be tak-en on your handheld machine, leads assault on

but any changes you made while away from your desk would be

updated to the desktop version

Though such facilities have been available using packages

such as Lotus Notes on larger,

corporate machines, they have

not been shrunk to fit users of

desktop and handheld ma-chines before.

mains the price of the Windows

CE machines. In the US they

will sell for around \$500-800. That will probably translate to

£450 in the UK - which may put

it beyond many people's reach

compared to the Psion systems.

which cost around £300.

The question however re-

the handheld market with new Windows software

est will benefit companies that are already players in the market - and we are major players."
But Psion's use of its own operating system, and the complexity of the software used to link it to desktop PCs, has held it back from widespread cor-porate use – which is always the biggest market for PCs. A Psion spokesman did not know whether Psion and Microsoft

had discussed putting Windows CE on the Series 3. Mr Gates is now taking Microsoft into the fight for this slowly emerging market. "The PC has been transformed from a productivity device into a communications device," he said at the launch on Sunday. "These people [computer users] want to have a portable device."

Windows CE computers will have a keyboard, touch-sensitive screen and an infrared wireless communication system. The standard software will include cut down versions of Microsoft's major office products such as Word for word processing and the Excel spreadsheet, with a "Web browser" to allow users to connect up to the Internet while away from the office or

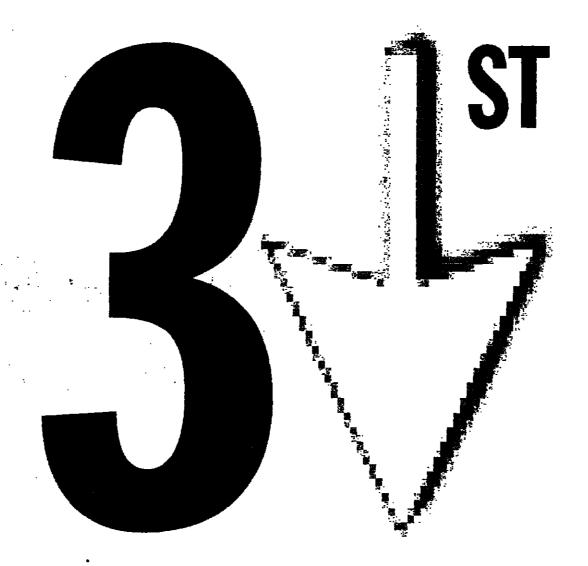
At the launch Microsoft also showed a street map application, which would pass enough information from the desktop PC to the handheld one's limited memory to allow it to

The big selling point for the new machines is that they should work in concert. A Windows CE electronic diary on Pedalling into the record books on a tricycle made for 24s



Designer Philip Koniolis steers his 24-seater tricycle through the London traffic on his way to the launch of the 1997 Guinness Book of Records which was held at London Zoo yesterday

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DAILY POEM

The city being us

By Jon Silkin

And when she did not arrive, I went and bought silent fleshy violets the city smudges with benzene, dust, and a tang of peppery filth. And as I bathe the unhurried form each night her shade purples my hands. Whitey, she mouths.

Beauty is magisterial, it will not tell you what it will do, it does what it will to you. She, over me, overplussing my affection with an urban tremor, anger, violation and gentleness, more than I ever knew until now, and I learn reciprocation. Whitey.

John Silkin was born in London in 1930 and worked as a labourer before becoming a magazine editor – he founded the po-etry magazine Stand in 1950. Silkin's poems, of which there are six collections, are warped and wefted with his particular concerns: an indignant compassion for the suffering and exploited; the political and personal aspects of being Jewish; and recurrent imagery of flowers. Sinclair-Stevenson published The Lens-Breakers in 1992. This poem is uncollected.

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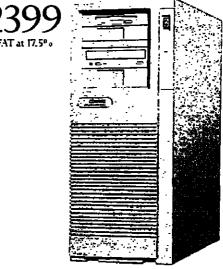
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Cabinet defied over chemical warfare

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ued beyond the mid-50s.

"For various reasons, there was no sharp cut-off of offen-

the mid-1950s Cabinet Defence

Committee decision to abandon offensive capabilities in

CW/BW. Consequently, occa-

sional papers of the late 1950s

and early 1960s may reflect

what could be interpreted as a

continuing offensive policy by Her Majesty's government."
The guidelines provide the

example of an agreement to make between 200 and 400

tons of nerve agents VX or GE.

committee decision was not

promulgated by immediate directives and was implemented

over more than a decade. Pa-

pers in this category may be par-ticularly sensitive if they appear

to reflect ... [Ministry of Supply, War Department, and later

Ministry of Defence reluc-

tance to follow Cabinet com-

phasised in recent years."

Maurice Frankel, director of

the Campaign for Freedom of

Information, said yesterday:

as 'sensitive' are not sensitive at

Whitehall files should not be

withheld from public inspection

after 30 years on that basis. But

Mr Frankel said: "At least it is

a positive step that they are will-

What these guidelines show is

mittee decisions.

It then adds: "It should be noted that the 1956 Cabinet

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

abandon offensive chemical Whitehall officials secretly deand bacteriological capabilified a Cabinet decision, taken ties. As an example of materiin 1956, to abandon Britain's ofal with "potential international fensive capability in chemical sensitivity", the guidelines cite: and bacteriological warfare. "Any papers which suggest that offensive capabilities contin-

According to recently dis-closed Whitehall documents seen by The Independent, the of-ficial defiance lasted for more than 10 years, and is explained sive-related activity following by the fact that although ministers reached a decision, they did not "promulgate" it with "immediale directives".

The disclosure suggests that although ministers might assume that if they reach an official decision, it will be carried out by their officials, in this case civil servants used the lack of an order to procrastinate.

Official Ministry of Defence papers, released to the Campaign for Freedom of Information, also reveal that the initial decision to abandon the offensive capability had nothing to do with an enthusiasm for disarmament, or even repugnance for the form of warfare - but economic cost.

The papers set down the guidelines under which Whitehall files are to be withheld from public inspection - even after the basic 30-year secrecy rule that covers most such documents.

The "sensitivities" that will ensure retention include a number of general categories - including files covering "reports on UK or UK-sponsored or directed Chemical Warfare or Bacteriological Warfare (CW/BW) trials involving the unwitting exposure of populations".

As the papers cover cate- that most of the areas described gories of material to be withheld, no examples are provided, all; they are embarrassing." but that category suggests that such trials were carried out on "unwitting" populations.

However, the most open exposure of what lay behind the

Long hours and hard work give Britain's Asian business people status and respect



Patterns of employment: Harinda Bharj tries on Indian clothes at Damini's shop, in London; 80 per cent of British Asian entrepreneurs surveyed said running a business gave them increased standing within their family, while two-thirds said it gave them higher status in their community and in wider British society

Photograph: John Voos

"Also, such papers often reveal that the motivation for UK aban-**Barrie Clement** donment was economic rather than the unilateral enthusiasm for arms control that has been em-

British Asian entrepreneurs measure their success in cultural as well as commercial terms, according to a study published to-day by the Policy Studies

Four out of five respondents said that running a business gave them increased standing within their family, while around two in three reported increased status in their community and wider British society. However, the image of the

hard-working Asian entrepreneur running a successful business, masks big disparities between different ethnic and religious sub-groups, according to the study of 129 individuals. Pakistani businesses tend to

be the least successful - more than a third reported a decline in turnover since they were established. One of the reasons was thought to be Muslims' rejection of usury. Rather than seek credit on which interest is charged, Muslims were dependent for capital on their own re-

More than nine out of 10 respondents cited independence as a reason for being self-employed. Two out of three Pakistanis said their work made it easier for them to perform

their religious duties. Many self-employed British Asians are working more than 70 hours a week. Like all selfemployed people, they are ex-empt from the European directive limiting working time to 48 hours a week, which is due to come into force on 23 November. While nearly a quarter are putting in an average 10hour day, seven days a week, nearly two-thirds are working in excess of 50 hours.

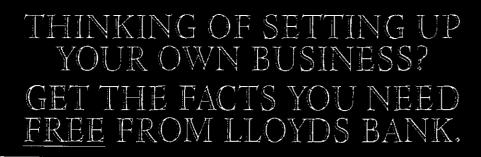
The report, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, found that some 27 per cent of the businesses were grocery shops-cum off-licences or newsagents. More than one in ten of the enterprises were restaurants - a proportion spread evenly throughout ethnic and religious groupings. More than half the Indian businesses were in the retail sector. while African Asians tended to base their endeavours on a particular skill. Some 35 per cent of their firms were "artisanbased businesses" offering building services or car repair. therefore encountered more

The authors point out that all Asians suffer some form of racism, but Indians gave more positive reasons for going into self-employment. Some 56 per cent of Pakistanis set up their companies to escape racism in the labour market, but only 8 per cent of Indians mentioned discrimination

Some Pakistanis argued that discrimination had as much to with their religion as their eth-

nicity. It was also thought they may have been attempting to secure employment in more competitive labour markets and

discrimination.
Hilary Metcalf, one of the suthors, argues that Asians are not pre-disposed to self-employ-ment. "If job prospects im-prove and racism subsides, the circumstances which encouraged greater levels of self-emloyment among Asians are likely to wane, a development which we can expect to affect aiture patterns of employment."





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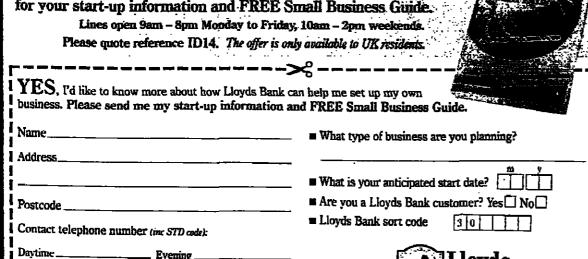
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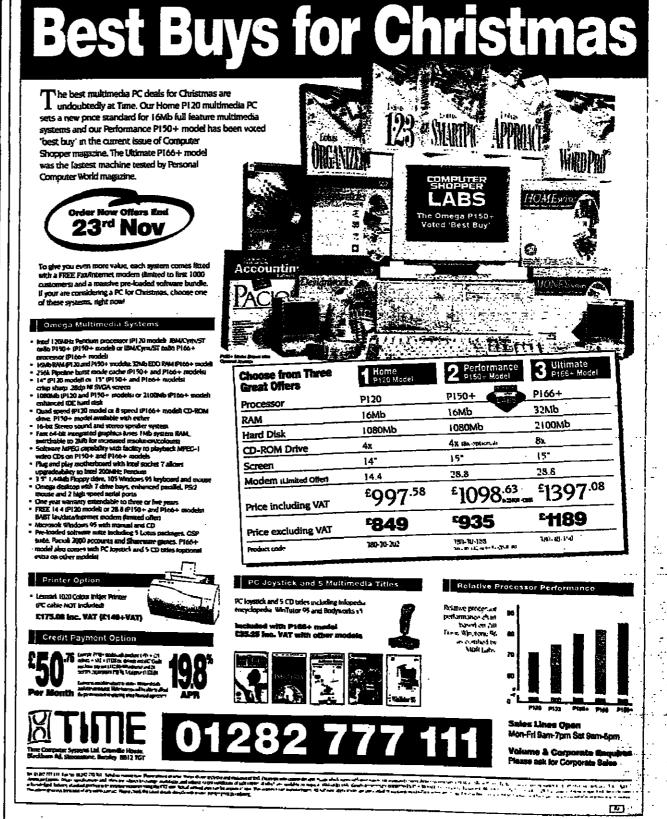
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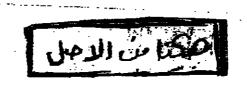
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World's oldest pyramids are discovered Councils targeted



Archaeology Correspondent

Archaeologists have discovered the world's oldest pyramids - on the Atlantic coast of southern Brazil. Like the pyramids of Egypt and Mexico, the South American ones seem to have been built for religious purposes. Some contain hundreds of human burials, complete with spectacular grave goods including stone plaques, shell

made stone birds, fish, whales and other animals. But although the functions of the Brazilian and Egyptian pyramids were to some extent the same, there was certainly no contact between ancient Egypt and Brazil, and the concept of building pyramids was invented quite independently in both

Dating from 3000BC, the oldest of the Brazilian pyramids predate the earliest Egyptian example by several hundred years.

breast plates and beautifully

each Egyptian pyramid being built in one operation, while the Brazilian ones were each built in several phases, possibly over many decades or even centuries. And, unlike the Egyptian stone pyramids, Brazilian ones were built exclusively of sea shells.

That is why archaeologists in the past had never realised what they were. For years Brazilian prehistorians had thought that the sites were simply immense piles of domestic

But research carried out over the past four years has revealed that the "piles of ancient rubbish" were in fact deliberately built square structures of roughly pyramidic design. Initial research suggests that

some of the structures were originally over 160ft high with bases covering up to 37 acres. And in terms of volume, they were much bigger than the earliest examples in Egypt, and almost as high.

The archaeologists estimate that originally there were ties and the Sixties they were



Upstaged: Pyramids at El Tajin Vera Cruz, Mexico, and Chephren, Egypt (top left) are predated by the Brazilian ones Main photograph: ET Archive

around a thousand Brazilian pyramids - some apparently 5,000 years old, others less ancient - of which fewer than 10 per cent survive in various states

of preservation. Up to this century most had survived, but between the Twen-

used as a source of raw material for road construction. One of the largest surviving examples - near the town of Jaguaruna in the Brazilian state of Santa Catatina – still covers 25 acres and stands 100ft high - perhaps up to 65ft less than its original

Archaeological research is now even showing that some of the Brazilian pyramids - like their Mexican counterparts had structures on top of them, although the Brazilian examples are up to 3,000 years older than the ones in Central

'Our new research shows that Brazil's prehistoric Indians 5,000 years ago were more sophisticated than we had thought and were capable of producing truly monumental structures," said Professor Edna Morley, the director of the Instituto do Patrinionio Histori-

Santa Catarina where most of the Brazilian pyramids have been discovered. "These massive structures will help revolutionise the way we think about ancient Indian

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tional Heritage Institute) in

targeted over bad schools

Education Correspondent

Local education authorities willn have to draw up action plans for improvement as they face a national inspection programme for the first time, it was announced last night. Giving details of fresh powers granted under the Government's new education bill, the Chief Inspector of Schools, Chris Woodhead, said teachers could not entirely be blamed for the failings of schools. Where they failed, they had often been let down by education authorities, he said.

He cited The Ridings School Halifax, which was declared failing after staff demanded the removal of up to 60 disruptive pupils. Staff had complained of a lack of support, he said, and Calderdale local education authority was already scheduled for an inspection.

"Teachers in schools can make a difference, and it simply isn't possible to blame every problem on the Government on parents or on the collapse of Western civilisation. But I do accept that teachers work within a context, and local authorities are very much part of that context. The finger of blame cannot and should not be pointed

simply into the classroom." Ofsted, the schools' inspection body, is to visit 12 author- it and ities each year and report on their performance. Members of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools, who work for Ofsted, will be accompanied by staff from the Audit Commission. o They will choose local authorities to visit by grouping them into social and economic "families" and then inspecting three from each - one with good results, one bad and one middling. Reports of the inspections.

which will look at whether standards are satisfactory and at whether the authority delivers value for money, will be delivered to each area's education committee, which will be expected to respond with an improvement plan.

Edward Helmore

The most complete skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus Rex in existence may fetch \$1m, the highest price ever paid for fossil, when it is auctioned next year. The dinosaur, about 50ft long, was preserved in a rocky

was a middle-aged female. Named Sue after her discovery by Sue Hendrickson in 1990, she has had a controversial life

For four years commercial fossil dealers, paleontologists, a Sioux indian, the National Guard and several government South Dakotan outcrop in such agencies have wrestled over detail that experts believe she her in a tangle of legal disputes.

When Sue arrived at the auction to Peter Larsen, a commercial have a permit to dig on what is house last week she was in boxes sealed by the FBL Sue was found by Ms Hen-

drickson, a geologist working for the Black Hills Geological Institute, on land owned by Maurice Williams, a Sioux indian whose ranch is on the Cheyenne River Reservation. The bones were pointed out

fossil dealer currently serving a two year prison sentence, who paid Mr Williams \$5,000 for the

rights to remove the dinosaur. However, paleontologists objected to the Black Hills institute's prospecting on land that Mr Williams had placed in trust to the government in lieu of taxes. Furthermore, Larsen did not

technically federal land. In May, 1992, the US attor-

ney for South Dakota filed 153 charges against Larsen and led a surprise raid on the institute, gathered up Sue's bones and carted them off to a storeroom in Rapid City. The proceeds from the sale

will benefit Mr Williams, who

reau of Indian Affairs to sell. However, the controversy is

No fossil of such significance has ever been on the market before and it is not certain if Sue will fetch Sotheby's "one million plus" estimate. The dinosaur bone market is depressed by re-

was given permission by the Bu- and it will cost at least \$500,000 to dislodge and clean the bones. Whatever becomes of Sue,

he will no doubt he relieved to be freed from her crates. "Sue has been an orphaned dinosaur," said David Redden, vice-president of Sotheby's in New York. "We hope the auction will find her a home worcent tyrannosaurus discoveries thy of her magnificent bones."

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Drugs charge drives trucker to despair

Steven Bryant always wanted to drive a lorry. As a small boy he would climb into his father's cab and accompany him on trips. Aged 21, to his father's pride. he got his own HGV licence.

Now the 42-year-old, who has four children of his own, is two weeks into a hunger strike in a Moroccan jail, having become one of a growing number of lorry drivers convicted for drugs smuggling. And according to latest medical reports, he is unlikely to survive beyond Christmas.

Bryant's case is one that has prompted a new joint initiative between UK Customs and the United Road Transport Union. Signed two weeks ago, the "Memorandum of Under-standing" attempts to put drivers on a par with postmen. airline pilots and ships' captains in acknowledging that not all drivers are guilty when drugs are found in their charge.

It states: "[They] should not, in the absence of further corroborating evidence, be held re-sponsible or be subjected to prolonged detention simply on the basis of being theoretically in charge of a vehicle and/or load on or in which drugs have been secreted."

Unfortunately for Bryant. from Waltham Forest, northeast London, foreign authorities are yet to be convinced. In March 1993, returning from his third trip to Morocco, Bryant was jailed for 10 years after cannabis was found in his cargo of frozen squid. He has always denied any knowledge of the drugs.

His father, Peter Bryant, 65. says: "He wouldn't do that. He's never been in trouble for anything. That was his third journey to Morocco and every time he had aggravation with

Instead, Bryant found himself in jail in Tangiers, sharing a cell with 43 other immates. He is now two and a half years into his sentence with no possibility of an

"I last saw him two years ago," says Mr Bryant. "I had to stand behind bars 6ft away and I could only bear half of what he said because everyone was



Long haul: Peter Bryant fears for his son, Steve, who is on hunger strike in Morocco

Britons on the route to trouble

John Jones, 55, from Maidstone, Kent: served two years after being arrested in 1992 and charged with cannabis smuggling. He was freed after a royal pardon from the King of Morocco.

John Barber, from North Wales: was arrested in France in 1994 on suspicion of smuggling cannabis and served three months on remand before being released without charge:

Roy Clarke, 48, from Ewell, Surrey: was arrested in Spain in 1994 and charged with smuggling £40m of cannabis. He was acquitted after serving 18 months on remand and being

Stan Allsop, 48, from Lichfield, Staffordshire: was arrested in Calais in July, on suspicion of smuggling £8.5m of heroin. spent 10 weeks on remand before being released without

tle shed. I was shocked." His mother, Sheila, threw herself into campaigning for his release but then contracted cancer. "She worked so hard for his release. I think it was all the worry and stress brought the cancer out," Mr Bryant says.

"We went to see the Moroccan embassy earlier this year and they promised us a phone shouting around him. It's terri- call from him. But it never ble conditions - just like a cat- came. She was so disappointed."

She died in June. The British Consulate said they would "pick the right time to tell him" but Steven, a "mother's boy", took her death particularly

badly.
"His kids write to him regularly. But he's very bad, very down. I just don't know what's going to happen to him. I'm at the end of my tether," he says. According to Steven Jakobi of Fair Trials Abroad, the numtransporting drugs amount to several hundred world-wide. He has approximately 20 such cases on his books, and says that the problem took a "quantum leap" with the breakdown of borders in the European Union.

Mr Jakobi thinks the majority are innocent, and is trying to persuade Brussels' transport commissioner, Neil Kinnock, to make legal changes that would recognise the powerlessness of drivers over their loads.

Fair Trials Abroad has teamed up with the EU's federation of transport workers unions to provide expert evidence in similar cases. They are also pushing for more interna-

tional memoranda. But, as Steve Bryant's parents found, getting support for "middle-aged lorry drivers", especially an owner-driver without the back up of a big company, is not easy. "Give me 18-year-old girls and I'll conquer the world," says Mr Jakobi, who handled the cases of Patricia Cahill and Karen Smith, released from a Thai jail after being convicted of drug running The problem with middleaged lorry drivers is simple they're middle-aged lorry dri-

vers. You can't get publicity." Meanwhile, the latest report from the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims and Torture suggested this weekend that Bryant will not live beyond Christmas. In his last letter to his father, two weeks ago, he said that he felt better now that he "could see an end in sight".

Believe me it is more human to put people to death than force them to live like animals," Bryant wrote. "It is going to be hard for you to accept but I have thought this out and I know I can't handle any more. If you could see how it is here ... then I am sure you will understand."

Gai Kristoffersen, pro-consul at the British Embassy in Morocco, has been visiting Bryant. She disputed that he was depressed and said he was "fine, apart from feeling light-headed and taking enough liquid.

But she says she has many British prisoners to visit, and many truckers. As for his hunger strike: "The Moroccans haven't really noticed ... He was accused and found guilty. They won't let him out."

Electric moment as oldest cinema reopens



Double value: Max Klapper - A Life in Pictures, using film and stage, previewed yesterday at the oldest cinema in London, the Electric in Portobello Road. Emily Lloyd, on screen, makes her theatrical debut Photograph: Emma Boam

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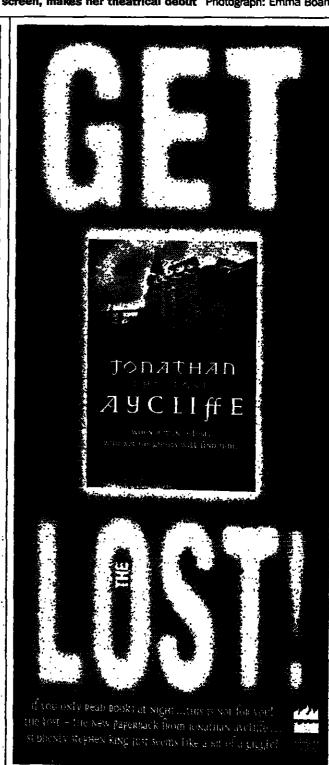


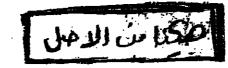
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Who is the second-largest supplier of weapons in the world? China? France? Russia? No, it's Britain

These ones are illegal

Steve Boggan and Michael Streeter

A dingy office above an aromatherapy shop in north Lon- anonymous. don became the focus vesterday of a worldwide search for the arms dealers who broke the UN embargo to Rwanda.

The name on the door said the office, in Vivian Avenue, Hendon, was the home of Travelour (UK) Ltd, a travel agency and import-export business, but it was locked and its operators had vanished cancelling the newspapers in their wake.

Attention focused on the address because it was from there four years ago that a man called Anoop engaged a firm of accountants to act for another company. Mil-Tec Corporation Ltd. Mil-Tec was the company name on invoices for arms, totalling some £3.3m, found on a bus abandoned at a Hutu refugee camp in eastern Zaire

The discovery led Labour to call for an inquiry yesterday and for the Prime Minister's office to express concern at suggestions that a British company had breached a UN embargo imposed in May 1994 while soldiers of the Rwandan army were slaughtering up to a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

The documents, found by a BBC reporter, show that Mil-Tec, registered in the Isle of Man, had supplied millions of rounds of ammunition, thousands of AK-47 rifles, grenade launchers, hundreds of rockets and tens of thousands of mortar bombs and grenades. The shipments went on until well

Yesterday the men behind Mil-Tec were lying low. The company is fronted by a nominee company, Business Management Services Nominees Ltd, and a professional company secretary, John Donnelly, of BMS Company Secretaries, based on Sark, in the Channel Islands. Neither company has a listed phone number and Mr in anything like that."

Donnelly's number is ex-directory. Under Isle of Man company law, the beneficial owners of a company can remain

However, a lead was provided by Dhiri & Co, a firm of accountants in Hove, which said it had been contacted by a man called Anoop four years ago who asked for book-keeping services. We agreed we would do the book-keeping but we never heard from them again, said a member of the firm. "We had no idea that they were using our address and telephone number on their com-

pany stationery. I think we have been well and truly conned." He said he had been contacted by a man from the company whom he knew and had been assured they were involved simply in import-export trading. "We had no idea that they were involved in dealing with arms ... this has all come

out of the blue." The address given by Anoop is now occupied by Travelour. Its sole director is listed as Anjana Vidyarthi, 43, of Allington Road, Hendon; the company secretary is Kumar Rakeesh Gupta, of Spencer Road, Isleworth, west London, and the principal shareholder is named as Sneh Mehta, although no address is listed at Companies House for Mr Mehta.

The Vidyarthi residence was deserted yesterday. At the Gupta home, a woman describing herself as Mr Gupta's sister-inlaw, also called Gupta, said Mr Gupta had been on holiday in Nairobi for a month. Asked if there was an Anoop in the company, she replied: "Yes, he's the boss. Anoop Vidyarthi." It is understood Mr Vidyarthi, 47, is the husband of Anjana Vidyarthi. Neighbours described them as Kenyan Asians. Mrs Gupta said the business was involved in travel and some import-export, but not arms. "I know my brother-in-law well. He would not get involved



Price of war: A Zairean in hospital in Kirotshe, near Goma, after being attacked by Hutus, who include the recipients, it is claimed, of arms from British firms

... but these are a great export success

Michael Harrison

Britain may have lost much of its car, consumer electronics and engineering industries. But there is one thing it still does better than most other countries and that is to make and export

The £500m defence order signed last weekend with the Gulf state of Qatar helped reaffirm the United Kingdom's

largest exporter of military equipment after the United

der - British Aerospace, GKN. Vosper Thornycroft and Shorts of Belfast - have helped the UK run a trade surplus in arms for as long as anyone can

Leaving aside the US, far and away the biggest exporter of military hardware, only the French position as the world's second come close to challenging

Britain's position in the arms exporting league. Last year, the UK sold £5bn worth of defence equipment overseas, giving it a 20 per cent share of the world export market. According to the Department of Trade and Industry, the defence sector provides 400,000 jobs across the

country.

Britain's biggest arms exporter is British Aerospace, which manufactures everything from Tornado fighter aircraft and trainer jets, to surface to air missiles, tank ammunition and rifles. It owes that position largely to the £20bn Al Ya-mamah arms-for-oil deal signed between Britain and Saudi Ara-

That one contract, mainly for Tornado jets, is worth about £2bn a year to the British defence industry alone. Last year BAe's defence business notched up sales of £4.3bn. The Middle East was BAe's single biggest market, accounting for £2.7bn of the group's £5.7bn sales and licopter programme where it

the major slice of its £10bn defence order book. BAe is also one of the few

British arms suppliers to have penetrated the Pentagon in any serious way, supplying the US Marine Corps with the naval version of its Harrier jump jet.

Close behind BAc comes GEC-Marconi, which spe-cialises in defence electronics, radar and missiles. GEC also owns the Yarrow warship yard on the Clyde and the Trident nuclear submarine builder VSEL which also makes howitzers and surface ships. Last year, GEC's sales from

electronic and defence systems reached £3bn, of which 45 per cent were exports. Among overseas successes are deals to supply flight-control systems for the US Navy's F-14 Tomcat combat aircraft and head-up cockpit display systems for F-22

GEC is also a prime con-tractor on the UK's Merlin he-

supplies the Blue Kestrel radar: There are high hopes that the Merlin will bring in substantial export orders.

The Merlin is the naval variant of the Westland-boilt EH101. Westland, now owned by GKN, is supplying 16 variants of the EH101 to Italy in a deal worth £150m. Westland is also supplying Super Lynx heli-copters to the Brazilian Navv under a £110m contract and is hopeful of orders from as far afield as Australia, Malaysia and New Zealand.

GKN's other major arms exports are armoured vehicles. It is supplying 250 Desert Warriors to Kuwait, Piranha armoured vehicles to Oman and Simba armoured personnel carriers to the Philippines.

The other major supplier of fighting land vehicles is Vickers. which is bidding to supply its Challenger 2 tank to the Saudis in a deal that could be worth

naval equipment is this Southempton-based warship yard Visper Thornycroft which makes minehunters, corveiles and fast patrol croft. More than 80 per cent of its £240m sales are exports and 43 per cent of its £450m order book comes from overseas military cus-

The Ministry of Defence and the DTi are notoriously defensive when it comes to arms exports because of the difficulty of balancing economic factors such as job creation with hu-manitarian considerations.

Earlier this year, after meeting a delegation from the Campaign Against the Arms Trade, the Trade Minister Anthony Nelson said: "The Government is committed to a responsible policy on defence equipa sales. We do not allow arms be exported indiscriminate We do not export equipment which is likely to be used for internal repression and defence Britain's biggest exporter of sales are strictly controlled."

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Small wars, big money: How the arms trade can make a killing

Christopher Bellamy Defence Correspondent

What do I need to fight a war? asked Emperor Francis I. "Money, more money, always money", replied the eminent fifteenth-century commander Marshal Gian Giacomo de

Nothing much has changed in the past 500 years. As the latest revelations about the role of British and South African arms traders in supplying the com-peting militias in Zaire show, many of the items needed to create some sort of fighting force can be obtained easily, as long as the cash is there.

Suppose a hypothetical Third World leader wishes to create his own army. How would he go about it? At the top end of the scale, one can spend hundreds of millions. At the moment, the US is rearming and training the Muslim and Croat forces in Bosnía. A consignment of \$100m (£66m) of arms on board a single ship included 45 M-60 tanks, 80 M-113 armoured troop carriers, 15 UH-1 helicopters, 840 light anti-tank pearance of camouflage weapons and 45,000 M-16 rifles, clothing, armies around the

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much of the summer, the Holiday Inn in Sarajevo was full of Americans carrying laptop computers and preparing presen-tations to Bosnian and Croat officers. This was a highly professional operation.

Such a package would be more than necessary to arm a small Third World army. Tanks and heavy armoured vehicles are complex to maintain and operate, and to use them them as part of a "combined arms" operation requires constant and complex training. Many of the world's armies would be incapable of using them, and have no need to do so.

Central African armies vary in size from fewer than 10,000 to about 40,000. Many of the armed troops are not soldiers in the Western sense, but lightlyarmed paramilitaries or gendarmerie

Suppose we want to create a relatively efficient army in a breakaway region: a force of 10,000 is likely to suffice. The first thing you need is to clothe them in a distinctive and practical uniform. Since the ap-



creasingly alike, so recognition is important – as important as concealment. HM Supplies of Camberley, which specialise in uniforms, said a tropical jacket and trousers retailed for about \$100, but that for a large order of 10,000 you would probably get them for half price. American helmets can be purchased for \$30 each; the British Army Kevlar variety is much

One of the most costly items for an efficient army is food. The lack of food was one reason why the Zairean army offered little clothing, armies around the resistance to the Tutsi rebels. Buying weapons is more difworld have started to look inMost of the time, our army ficult, but still not that much. man - probably the successful

more expensive - \$100.

would subsist on local produce, but when engaged in intense fighting it would not be able to. Ten thousand men in the field for 25 days require 250,000 one-man ration packs, which cost the British Army £7 each. If water has to be shipped in, that adds another £1 a day but our Third World army is likely to be inured to the local water. But even if the rations could

he bought cheaply after passing their sell-by date - the tinned food is, in fact, pretty indestructible - you might be talking \$2.5m.

You will find international arms dealers in the Yellow Pages. A single telephone call yesterday produced the prices quoted here. Even if a reputable dealer is unwilling to supply, there are plenty of less reputable ones. Deals involving shipments between foreign countries are not subject to the constraints on arms purchases in this country. as long as the supplier has an end-user certificate showing that the arms are not going to a blacklisted country. And end-

user certificates can always be procured.

AK-47 - can be purchased for \$100. A thousand rounds of ammunition can be bought for another \$80. The force would also need a smattering of machine-guns, perhaps one for every 10 men, and mortars. One of the most effective

ways you can improve the way your array works is to use modern short-range radios of the type now used by security guards and film crews. Tandy of Regent Street, which markets a number of such systems, said that providing a range of more than four miles is not required, hand sets costing about £100 each are adequate.

setting up your army is foreign expertise, needed to operate the most complex weapons and provide training. Our hypothetical force might decide it needs a dozen helicopters, which would ensure that perhaps nine were available at any time. They would need mercenary pilots to fly them, who

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would insist on being well paid. planning, other specialist equipment might be needed. If attacking another country across a river, we might want some in-

equipment, mostly second- nd hand, is relatively small. Large ng numbers of foreign advisers, nd trainers and mercenaries would of make it a better force, but int would cause the cost to esculate of rapidly from the \$28m our army has cost so far.

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Last, but by no means least, :ethere is the profit the organisers and traders might hope to lomake. That may well end up be-Depending on what we are ing the largest element of all, because the chances are that money will "stick" to any in- ntermediaries in the deal; there in. may well be a number. And, af-viflatable assault craft, with en- ter all, these people are not in

Peace force reschedules meeting as events overtake plans

Gisenyi — The US military said yescountries participating in a Canadian led force to help refugees in Zaire had been rescheduled to a day later than originally planned.

European Command will host the meeting, to be led by Canada.

Capt. Taylor said the Canadians, are scheduled to arrive in Stuttgart

Navy Captain, Timothy Taylor, di-rector of public affairs for the US Eu-nounced on Sunday at the World Britain, France and Spain said

The meeting has been called to discuss the scope of the mission now that half-a-million Rwandan refuter than originally planned. are scheduled to arrive in Stuttgart gees have returned home, raising "I have been told that the meet-today and tomorrow. He did not doubts among some members of the

Britain, France and Spain said earieron M

the mission to go ahead with a redefined plan to open up humanitarian corridors to aid refugees.

After three days at full flood, the

flow of refugees out of Zaire into

500,000 Hutu refugees were already region so that tens of thousands of other refugees could also return. We have a 60-km human cater-

pillar moving from Gisenyi to the other side of Ruhengeri," said UN-HCR spokesman, Ray Wilkinson.

UNHCR estimating that some would open a corridor in the Bukavu further inland.

More than 200 refugees were chased from a Red Cross hospital in Gisenyi yesterday by men wielding sticks on the orders of the Rwandan

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ing will be on Thursday," said US know why the meeting had been proposed peace force about the Rwanda slowed yesterday, with the links with Kigali, also announced they a lorry and taken to a refugee camp

The heavy-handed removal took that the patients were too sick to move. The attack came as the charity, Médécins sans Frontières, announced 50 confirmed cases of Zaire's Tutsi rebels, who have close government. They were loaded into cholera among the refugees.



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CIA rocked by latest Russian spy trial

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In the second major Russian spy scandal here in less than three years, a CIA employee was accused yesterday of selling secrets to Moscow since June 1994 in return for more than \$100,000, -charges which could bring life

Harold J Nicholson, a veteran with extensive service in the Far East and Eastern Europe since he joined the intelligence agency in 1980, is accused of conspiracy to commit espi-

In evidence submitted to a federal court arraignment hearing in Alexandria, Virginia, the FBI said it had watched the 46year old Mr Nicholson pho-tographing top-secret CIA ruary 1994, having betrayed that he headed a full-scale

cently as last Tuesday. He was arrested four days later, on Saturday evening, as he was about to board a foreign flight at Washington's Dulles International Airport

"Mr Nicholson betrayed his country for money," the feder-al prosecutor Helen Fahey said yesterday, "He was motivated not by ideology, but by greed. He was arrested as he was leaving to meet his Russian controllers."

Despite the severity of the penalty Nicholson faces, his case does not appear as serious as that of Aldrich Ames, the former head of the Soviet branch of US counter-intelligence.

Ames spied for the Soviet Union, then Russia, for nine on a scale to match Kim Philby, and inflicted damage which has shattered CIA morale to

Mr Nicholson seems to have been decently paid for his labours, but nowhere near as well as Mr Ames, who received \$2.7 million from the Soviet and Russian intelligence services, with the promise of \$2 million more and a retirement dacha near Moscow.

His postings - including a 1990-1992 stint as head of station in Bucharest followed by two years as deputy station chief in Kuala Lumpur - were not as sensitive, nor was there any link between the two cas-es. US officials said, even though fears were widely voiced agents and secret information Russian spy ring within

Freeh, the FBI director, Mr Nicholson had handed over to the Russians information including the identities of CIA officers assigned overseas, endangering both them and their foreign contacts.

But the CIA director John Deutch said his agency knew of no CIA or FBI "assets" who had been killed. "We detected this espionage relatively rapidly," Mr Deutch said.

But similarities do exist, not least in the manner of their unmasking. Like Ames, Mr Nicholson reportedly failed a lie detector test. As in the Ames case, suspicions of investigators were aroused by the size of his bank account, and spending far more lavish than a standard



be backing Mr Boutros-Ghali. Before the fall: A jubilant President Nixon greets an armed forces contingent with a victory salute

Britain defies US over UN head

Britain appeared poised last night to part company from the United States in a first strawpoll vote on the future of the United Nations Secretary General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, by supporting him for a second term in the post.

As members of the Security Council yesterday finally got jump in a first vote that was ex-

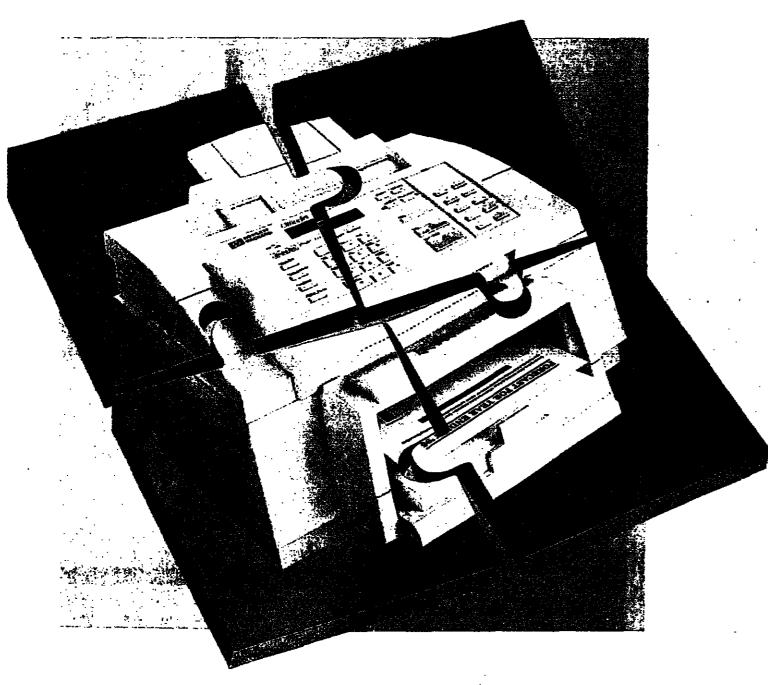
five-year term expires at the end of December, there was no sign that the US Ambassador, Madeleine Albright, was going to be deterred from carrying out Washington's threat to block his re-election with a veto.

After a first round of talks, Sir John Weston refused publicly to say how Britain would

down to serious discussion of the fate of Mr Boutros-Ghali, whose that the Government's position remained that Mr Boutros-Ghali had proved to be a "conscientious and competent servant of the United Nations". Diplomats predicted Britain would either vote in favour of retaining Mr Boutros-Ghali or

A whole series of votes may have to be taken in the council

didate acceptable to all or to allow time for the US to acquiesce to a compromise to allow Mr Boutros-Ghali at least to extend his current term. In those circumstances, it is entirely possible that Britain could change its position. The US has so far failed to muster any public support for its position. China announced formally that it would



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Only a fortnight ago, the US National Archives completed its move to a huge, brand-new headquarters in suburban Maryland. Yesterday it made available to scholars and general public alike one of its choicest treasures: Part one of Richard Nixon's White House tapes, including June 23, 1972 - the "smoking gun" that made the 37th President's resignation

inevitable. This first of five batches cover 201 hours of the 3,700 hours of Oval Office conversations that Mr Nixon secretly recorded, doubtless in the hope of secaring his niche in history but in fact guaranteeing his down-

come known. Watergate buffs should be warned: to listen to the tapes you must go to the Archives in person. They cannot be recorded nor can they be borrowed like a book from a public library. Nor is their quality of digital CD standards, thanks to the rasping, elliptical speaking style

Nixon tapes can now be heard by all, reports

Rupert Cornwell in Washington

of the man, and the propensity of the recording device to pick up every single sound in the room and beyond.

But the fatal words of that June day, just six days after the break-in at Democratic Party offices here, are as unarguably damning now as they were 22 years ago to the Congression-al committee which had to rec-

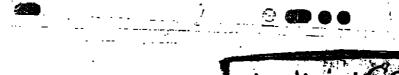
ommend on his impeachment. Call the CIA people, Mr Nixon instructed, and get them to tell the FBI to ease off its investigation into the burglars because it might lead to "the whole Bay of Pigs thing." Then a few moments later, he was even more explicit: the CIA "should call in the FBI and say, 'Don't go further into this case, period"." Contrary to his every assertion, the President had known of, indeed orchestrated a cover-up less than a week after the crime.

The tapes finally entered the public domain last April when the Nixon estate gave up a 21 year fight, and agreed to make available all but the most private of the conversations.

In fact crucial excerpts of the tapes, including the "smoking gun" segment, can already be heard at the Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, Cali-

But for enthusiasts of American history, the tapes are the Archives building will house, inter alia, the records and evidence of the Kennedy German war records, and Civil War memorabilia - all among 2 billion pages of documents, 8 million photos, 13 million maps and over 200,000 sound record-





Britons find HK job market is drying up

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

The last overseas haven for British job seekers is about to shut its doors. Yesterday Hong Kong said it would introduce legislation to end the practice of giving Britons 12 months' unconditional stay in the colony, allowing them to work, study or play without requiring a visa. It is now proposed to give British citizens six months' visa-free entry but

for the many newly arrived Britons who do all manner of menial jobs once exclusively undertaken by Chinese workers. At the other end of the scale it is a blow for highly paid pro-fessionals whose qualifications are recognised in Hong Kong, allowing them to slip into jobs paying at least twice as much as in Britain. The colony is so attractive to members of the British bar that it is known as "Treasure Island" in legal circles.

coming Chinese administration would abolish Britons' immigration privileges, it was not thought the outgoing administration would do the job for them. A spokesman said the move was prompted by concern expressed by trade unions, British citizens themselves and their employers, worried about the future.

Lee Cheuk-yan, a trade-union leader and legislator, said British citizens had enjoyed unfair advantages over other foreigners and were taking jobs from Hong Kong people. and heads would turn if a white man

Many of the jobs taken by Britons, such as labouring, distributing leafiets, delivering sandwiches and other catering jobs, are looked down on by local people, whose employ-ment prospects are better elsewhere.

The wheel has come full circle in Hong Kong, where the British used to rule the roost, directing the labour of others, rather than labouring themselves.

A decade ago it was a novelty to have British waiters in restaurants

Russia's leader shows world a healthy face

appeared on a building site. The novelty was also good for business, encouraging Chinese restaurant owners to make a feature of their

British waiting staff.
Nowadays it is commonplace to see Britons doing menial jobs. The latest figures from the immigration department show that there was a surge of British people coming to live in Hong Kong, with numbers rising by a third from June last year to February this year; 34,500 Britons are recorded as resident in the colony. the highest ranks of the force is ex-

more than double the number at the beginning of the decade.

As the new Britons come in, many of the long-established British residents, particularly those in the civil service, are moving out. The official localisation policy has meant expatriates wishing to stay in the service have had to accept demotion or had a cap placed on their promotion prospects. Proportionately, Britons till a higher number of senior posts in the police force but the exodus of

pected to be even greater than in the civil service as a whole,

The British Chamber of Commerce has been coy about pressing the case to preserve the special immigration status of Britons, fearing it would attract unwarranted attention. Although Hong Kong has been a colony for more than a century and a half. Britons have not constituted the largest overseas population for more than two decades. At present, Philippine citizens out number the

no right to work or study without an Although it was expected the in-Palestinian's killers fined one tiny coin

Patrick Cockburn

Four Israeli soldiers belonging to an undercover unit called the Cherry Unit yesterday paid the price for shooting dead an 18-vear-old Palestinian man, whom nobody accuses of doing anything wrong. After finding them guilty a military court fined the soldiers one agora, the smallest Israeli coin, which is worth just a third of one penny. Even the one agora fine was a reduction of the sentence originally agreed by the prosecution and defence of one hour in jail, sus-pended for 24 hours.

The dead man, Iyad Mah-moud Awad Badran, was killed three years ago when the car he was travelling in approached a civilian vehicle used by the Cherry Unit parked near the village of Salfit on the West Bank.

It was dark and the driver, Bilal Amli, says he heard nobody tell him to stop until a spotlight was aimed at him and "we were being shot at with heavy fire. I face and I understood that he was injured." A few moments later he heard someone say in Hebrew "we're soldiers."

After being forced to lie on the ground for 90 minutes, Mr Amli and another passenger who survived, were driven to a sleep for two hours every three hotel in the nearby settlement

of Ariel and later released. The Israeli version of what happened, given at the time by the Israeli officer investigating the incident, is very similar. The only difference in the officer's story is that the car tried to reverse away from the soldiers. He says: "The soldiers fired at it and the front tyres of the car were hit, but it seems that a few builets strayed from their path and hit the front windshield of

The decision of the military court to fine the undercover soldiers such a derisory sum after finding them guilty of causing the death of Mr Badran

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through negligence is likely to infuriate Palestinians. Bassam Eid, one of the most respected Palestinian human rights ac-tivists, yesterday called on the Israeli Government to appeal against "the light sentence given to the four soldiers."

A spokesman for the Israeli army said last night that the military prosecutor would appeal against the verdict. In an apologetic statement the army said that Palestinian witnesses to the shootings had not come to the trial from the West Bank. In addition the prosecution had plea-bargained because "pro-cedures had taken longer than expected" and this had increased the stress on the four soldiers.
As a result it had accepted the "symbolic punishment" of one hour's imprisonment suspended for 24 hours. Earlier the Israeli High Court

had approved the interrogation methods, denounced by somehuman rights organisations as torture, used on a Palestinian suspect named Khader suddenly saw blood on Iyad's Mubarak. The Israeli Shin Bet security agency described him as a "very senior activist in Hamas's military wing in the Hebron region." Another Palestinian, Mohammed Abdel-Aziz Hamdan, who, according to his lawyer, is only being allowed to days had his interrogation approved by the High Court last

> Although Mohammed Hamdan has been described by Israeli security as "a ticking bomb" because of information he is alleged to possess about impending bomb attacks, Elia Theodory, one of his lawyers says that his knowledge is unlikely to be fresh since he has been in an Israeli jail since 7 October 1996. Most of the time he has had a dirty sack over his head. Hamdan told his lawyer that the Shin Bet had not, in fact, interrogated him much "about military action which is going to happen."







Front suffers from left-right détente

Mary Dejevsky

France's mainstream Gaullist and Socialist parties are joining forces in an attempt to defeat the extreme right wing Na-tional Front in a key local poll.

In city council by-election at Dreux, 60 miles west of Paris, the National Front candidate, Marie-France Stirbois, won 36.4 per cent of the vote - little more than at council elections a year ago - while the Gaullist candidate and incumbent mayor, Gerard Hamel, increased his share of the vote by 7 per cent, narrowing the firstround gap to two per cent. The Socialists increased their share by more than 6 per cent. The second round is held on Sun-

The by-election had been called after an inquiry into last year's election found that Mr Hamel had breached election rules. As head of a company with contracts to supply the council when his name went forward, he was technically barred from standing for mayor. Having resigned his job soon afterwards, he was free to stand again in Sunday's byelection.

The results at Dreux were always going to be scrutinised for glimpse of the French political mood. A drab town with high unemployment, a large imcommunications, Dreux is classic National Front territory. Mrs Stirbois is the widow of

a senior aide to the Front's leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen and an experienced campaigner who won easily in the first round of last year's election.

She was only prevented from becoming mayor when the mainstream parties agreed to co-operate in the second round of voting to keep her out of office in a commonly used tactic known as forming a "Republi-

Yesterday, Mrs Stirbois and the National Front were putting a brave face on her showing and speaking with confidence of "our newest National Front mayor", but her chances of winning now look slim.

The Socialist Party leadership in the region has already "rec-ommended" that the Socialist candidate drop out and that Socialist voters back Mr Hamel.

The drawback is that keeping the Front out of office when it wins the largest number of votes, feeds frustration. On Sunday night there were vi-olent clashes between young Front supporters and their opponents in the centre of Dreux.

There is evidence, too, that kept out of parliamentary and local council power by the Re-publican Front, the extreme right is looking to extend its in-

It has recently been successful in nominating candidates for school governing boards of council estates, the police and other professional

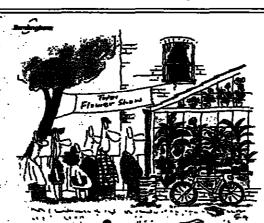
Yeltsin takes country air as prelude to discharge

Boris Yeltsin's motorcade was spotted returning to the Kremlin hospital from the country resort of Barvikha, where he is expected to recuperate later this week after his discharge from the bospital

Moscow (AP) -- President nat Akchurin, said the President had planned to take a one-

hour stroll in the country.

The conductor and cellist, Mstislav Rostropovich, a prominent Yeltsin supporter, said he had spoken to the President by telephone and that his voice has changed since the surgery.



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Christopher aims to bury Chinese ghosts

Haunted by the failure of his only previous mission to Peking, the US Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, arrives in the Chinese capital today seeking to "engage" China on a wide range of acrimonious issues and put Sino-US relations on a more stable footing.

It is a measure of the volatile nature of the relationship that this is only the Secretary of State's second trip to China. His first, in March 1994, was an unmitigated disaster. On that occasion, John Shattuck, the assistant secretary for human rights, infuriated Chinese leadknown dissident. Wei Jing-sheng. By the time Mr Christopher flew into town, the authorities had detained a string of well-known dissidents and the visit degenerated into mutual recrimination and sharp exchanges over China's abysmal



Christopher: Will try to stabilise strained relations

human rights record. Human rights will again cloud this week's meetings, following the recent sentencing of the pro-democracy activist, Wang Dan, to 11 years in prison. But the US policy is now officially one of engagement with China, with human rights only one of many disputes over which Washington says it wants negotiation rather than confrontation. Those disagreements include China's perceived military threat to Taiwan; Washington's barriers to World Trade Organisation entry for China; intellectual property rights violations; Peking's director of the Sigur Centre for

With trade set to dominate talks, US must avoid repeat of disastrous visit, writes Teresa Poole in Peking

there was "a great deal of am-

bivalence" among Chinese of-

ficials. "On the one hand they

want integration for status rea-

er? I would answer, no."

Professor Shambaugh.

redress perceived grievances.

In doing so, he predicted,

alleged weapons sales to On Studies in Washington, said rogue" states: and a \$35bn (£21bn) trade imbalance in China's favour.

Mr Christopher's visit will set the tone for the meeting of President Clinton and President Jiang Zemin at the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum which convenes in Manila later this week. That meeting, ers by holding a preliminary in its turn, could yield a much-meeting with China's best-wanted prize for Mr Jiang - a wanted prize for Mr Jiang - a timetable for reciprocal presidential state visits next year.

The gulf that has yet to be bridged, however, can be measured by the torrent of anti-American rhetoric which has appeared in the media over the past few months. At the more risible end of the spectrum are comments such as one in the lesser-known *Chinese Material* News - that Americans are shoddy teddy bears with dirty cotton stuffing". Rather more threatening was a publicised quote from Mi Zhenyu, at the Academy of Military Sciences that the Chinese should "quietly nurse our sense of vengeance"

In the run-up to Mr Christopher's arrival the Chinese signals have been mixed. Last week. the foreign ministry spokesman said China hoped the visit could "help set Sino-US relations on a healthy and stable path". But on Sunday the front page of the official China Daily reported that Sino-US relations had degenerated to a "para-Cold War" stage.

From Washington's perspec-tive, the US has already done just that. Not a month has gone by recently without a visit to Peking by a senior US official. But Washington now faces the problem that China's notion of engagement" may be very different from the West's. Integrating China into international institutions and systems depends on it accepting its subsequent obligations and the occasional compromise.

lent and suspicious partner" for the US, Europe, Japan and

China still believes that the US remains intent on containing rather than engaging. In any case. Chinese leaders would regard such a policy of engagement as part of the Westem world's attempt to push domestic political change. The US, for its part, in-

sons. They are a great power, they think. They want to be at creasingly feels that it is the only the table of great powers. But country willing to stand up to they want to change the China on human rights and rules. Is China a status quo powmultilateral issues. Last week, the European Union pointed-Encouraged by the return of ly criticised America's de-Hong Kong, Chinese rhetoric seethes with a determination to manding criteria for China's entry into the WTO. The US Treasury Secretary, Robert Ru-"China seeks to disperse globbin, retorted that other counal power and particularly weaktries were making the US take en the preponderant power of the lead to avoid offending the US in world affairs," said



Peking.

"We have been doing the world," he said.

A Filipino police officer with women prisoners in his custody yesterday examines posters they had posted protesting at work of the world," he said.

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Photograph: Fernando Sepe/AP

Clinton takes a breather Down Under

Robert Milliken Sydney

President Bill Clinton arrives in Australia today for some post-reelection recreation before moving on to the serious business of the summit in the Philippines at the weekend of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec)

group of countries. From Hawaii Mr Clinton yesterday telephoned John Howard, the Australian Prime Minister, to warn him that the failed Russian space probe to Mars, carrying plutonium-powcred batteries, was likely to crash anywhere between the Timor and Tasman seas, with the towns of Broken Hill and Tibooburra the most likely targets. After an alert, the crippled vehicle eventually swooped across the country and plunged into the Pacific off Chile.

The incident will have helped the two leaders to get to know

The shared destiny of Australia and the United States'

each other when they meet to-morrow for Mr Clinton's one working day during his four-day visit. That will be when he flies from Sydney to Canberra for talks with Mr Howard and his cabinet and addresses both houses of parliament, only the second American president after his predecessor. George Bush, to do so,

Back in Sydney, Mr Howard will host Mr Clinton and his wife, Hillary, on a night cruise of Sydney Harbour, On Thursday the Clintons do a walkabout in Sydney and make an address at the city's botanic gardens.

Mrs Clinton will go on to the Sydney Opera House and give a speech on Women in the 21st

They fly on Thursday to Cairns, Queensland, and take a helicopter to the town of Port Douglas, near the Great Barrier Reef, where Mr Clinton's real post-election wind-down of golf and snorkelling will begin, but not before he makes a statement about the world environment on If the statements and walk-

abouts suggest an air of populism, that is the main reason for Mr Clinton's detour to Australia on his way to the Apec summit. Before his talks with 17 Asian and Pacific leaders on trade liberalisation in the region, Mr Clinton will be showing Washington's commitment to a revived relationship with Australia since the election in March of the conservative Liberal-National coalition under

The previous, Labor, ernment, headed by Paul Keating, had made much of re-steering Australia's foreign policy towards Asia. The conservatives, under Mr Howard, keen to differentiate themselves from their opponents, have sought to revive the traditional cornerstone of Australian policy, the American alliance. In reality, there is little difference between the two

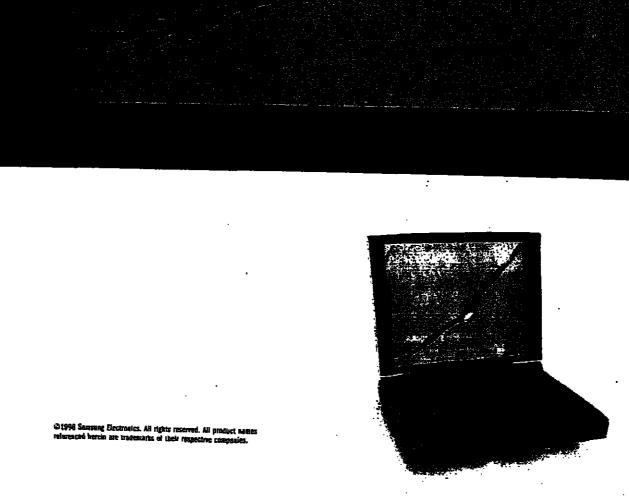
Mr Howard.

sides of Australian politics. The formation of the Apec group in the early Nineties was largely the brainchild of Labor, designed to achieve the same ends of cementing an American commitment to the Asia-Pacific region in the post-Cold War

Mr Howard spoke on Sunday of "the shared destiny of Australia and the United States in the Asia Pacific region" and Mr Clinton is likely to echo those sentiments in his address to parliament. Four months ago, Washington and Canberra formally reaffirmed their alliance with a declaration that they would conduct upgraded joint annual military exercises in Australia involving about 20.000 American troops.

The declaration angered China, which has also made its displeasure known over Mr Clinton's visit. Peking has described Washington's alliances with Japan and Australia as akin to "two crab claws" aimed at

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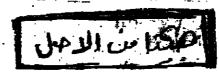


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Military opens up Burma to tourism

John Lichfield Chief Foreign Writer

To enforced jollity at home and a chorus of protests abroad, the Burmese military government vesterday launched a campaign to attract tourists to the oncereclusive nation.

In Britain, the Burmese Action Group, will hold a rally tonight to call for a boycott on holiday travel to Burma as a protest against the suppression of political and human rights including the enslavement of

children and adults to build tourist facilities

Hopes that the meeting, at the Royal Institution in London, would receive a recorded statement of support from the pro-democracy campaigner, Aung San Sun Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize, appear to have been dashed. New restrictions imposed by the gov-ernment have made it impossible for Ms Suu Kyi to transmit a message, say organisers of the conference, which is partly sponsored by The Independent.



Slave labour: Women, elderly people and children working on a road construction scheme outside Rangoon as part of the "Visit Myanmar 1996" preparations

Nobel laureate for services to peace in Northern Ireland, will ings by Ms Sun Kyi in the last

recorded earlier this month by Glenys Kinnock MEP, in which read out a compilation of ex-tracts from speeches and writ-investment and trade.

"It all adds up. Drops of wayear. The meeting will also see ter make up the ocean," the

Instead, Mairead Maguire, a an interview with Ms Sun Kyi Burmese opposition leader says, in the video smuggled out by Mrs Kinnock. "Sanctions are effective ... They are of symbolic as well as practical importance.

The government - the State

Law and Order Restoration Council (Slore) - marked the beginning of "Visit Myanmar Year" yesterday with an Olympics-style ceremony, featuring dancing elephants, floats, tra-ditional music and bright cos-

tumes. The effect was somewhat spoiled by military officers shouting orders to performers. Lieutenant-General Khin

Nyunt, head of military intelligence and the ominously titled Secretary One of the Slore, told thousands of Burmese, diplomats and foreign businessmen who packed into a stadium in Rangoon: "Today is a red-letter day for tourism in Myanmar (Burma). We are celebrating not only the launching of Visit Myanmar Year ... but also our commitment to open

our doors to the world." The Slore hopes to attract more than 300,000 foreigners to Burma over the next 12 months. Campaigners around the world hope to hijack the event, however and publicise the excesses of the regime. In Brussels yes-terday, Mrs Kinnock led a picket outside the offices of Club Med, which has recently begun tours to Burma. The protest was joined by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, which cited extensive evidence of the use of slave



Burma Action Group (UK) is urging tourists to stay away

had been forced to work on new motorways, railways, bridges and tourist sites, including the Golden Palace at Mandalay.

In Britain, the Burma Action Group UK reports that four tour operators have dropped Burma from their schedules, but another 30 still offer travel packages to Burma. "Overall. we are confident that there will be no increase in UK tourism to Burma," said Yvette Mahon. a spokeswoman for the group.

Ms Suu Kyi has been especially vocal in calling for a tourism boycott. She said recently: "Travel, it is said, broadens the mind. But there are times when breadth of vision dictates that labour in Burma. A spokesman travel be curbed in the interests for the ICFTU said women, of justice and humanity."

significant shorts

Romanians exult at fall of to quit in Communists Belarus crisis

Millions of Romanians were yesterday celebrating the final ousting from power of the former Communists who had ruled them since the overthrow of Nicolae Ceausescu in 1989. With nearly all votes

counted, Emil Constantinescu, of the centre-right Democratic Convention (CDR), had assured victory in the presidential election against his former Communist rival, Ion Iliescu, and was heralding the advent of a new era of genuine democracy. Mr Constantinescu's success, which came two weeks after the CDR won power in parliamentary elections, completed the swing against former Communists in Romania. And for the tens of thousands of revellers who took to the streets, it marked the final completion of the bloody revolt that toppled Ceausescu. Adrian Bridge

Boycott mars Zambian poll

Zambian elections drew peacefully towards their close yesterday, marred by an opposition boycott and disapproval from Western donors who fear it was largely a cosmetic exercise

President Frederick Chiluba is set for a second term after barring a challenge from his only strong rival, the "Father of the Nation", Kenneth Kaunda, whom he beat in the first free elections in 1991. Mr Kaunda's United National Independence Party walked out of parliament and led a boycott of the presidential and parliamentary polls they call a farce. Reuter - Lusaka

Macedonian election tussle

The ruling alliance of former Communists had a slight lead over nationalist challengers in local elections in Macedonia, first unofficial results showed yesterday.

local councils since Macedonia declared independence from former Yugoslavia in 1992, the only republic to do so without bloodshed. AP - Skopje

PM threatens

The Prime Minister of Belarus threatened to resign in protest yesterday over President Alexander Lukashenko's growing confrontation with parliament. Mikhail Chigir wrote to

Mr Lukashenko, saying he would step down unless the political and economic situation eased. It came a day after another government crackdown on an opposition demonstration. Mr Lukashenko, who must approve of such a resignation, responded by accusing parliament of pressing Mr Chigir and the entire Cabinet to resign.

Clean sweep in Pakistan

President Farooq Leghari of Pakistan issued an anti-corruption decree yesterday under which convicted politicians can be disqualified for elections scheduled to take place on 3 February.

The law was aimed at cracking down on corruption by politicians and bureaucrats but excluded the President and members of judiciary and armed forces from its purview, the caretaker government's Law. Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Fakhruddin Ebrahim. said. Two weeks ago Mr Leghari dissolved the lower house of parliament and sacked the prime minister. Benazir Bhutto, on disputed charges of corruption and misrule.

Reuter - Islamabad

Flats-blast toll rises to 49

Rescuers yesterday pulled more bodies from the wreckage of an apartment building that housed Russian Border Guard officers and their families, bringing the death-toll from a weekend explosion to 49.

One or more bombs may have been planted in the basement, though the cause of the explosion has not been established. Police The polls were the first for detained a suspect but gave no details. The explosion destroyed 41 apartments in the building at Kaspyisk, on the Caspian Sea, in the southern Russian republic of Dagestan. AP - Moscow

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Professor **Hugo Buchthal**

Under a warm Athenian night sky, illuminated by lights suspended in the pistachio trees of the garden of the Byzantine Museum, stood the silver-haired and slightly stooping figure of Hugo Buchthal. Not far off stood the more upright but equally silver-haired figure of Kurt Weitzmann. The occasion was the Fifteenth internation-

al Byzantine Congress in 1975. Professors Buchthal and Weitzmann, both by that date retired, had been figures of legendary authority in the history of Early Christian, Byzantine and medieval art since the 1930s. Around each stood a posse of former students, mainly Americans, from among whose ranks the great men gazed out benevolently like proud godfathers. For an impressionable graduate student it was an unforgettable first

Both scholars continued to research and publish into old age. Kurt Weitzmann died at Princeton in 1993 at the age of 89. And with the recent death of Hugo Buchthal at his home in London at the age of 87 a heroic age in the history of art has ended.

Buchthal was closely associated throughout his long career with only two institutions: the Warburg Library and Institute. first in Hamburg, and then from 1934 in London; and the Institute of Fine Arts. New York University, where he taught from 1965 to 1975 (latterly as Ailsa Mellon Bruce Professor).

He was born into a well-todo Berlin family in 1909, Jewish by origin (and by Nazi race laws) but fully assimilated. He spoke little about his family, but was interested to discover in the 1980s that his parents' house had survived the war, and become the home of Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau. He studied for his doctorate at the University of Hamburg, where he fell under the spell of two of the most mesmerising and powerful minds of our century: Erwin Panofsky, then professor of art

Fritz Saxl, head of what was at bined with effective use of liturthat time the private Warburg gical, palaeographical and all Library.

Everything changed in 1933 as the Nazis began to purge universities, the professions and nublic offices of Jews. Panofsky had taken up a visiting professorship in New York, but re-turned briefly to Hamburg in that summer to examine his students orally and by dissertation for their doctorates. Buchthal had just two weeks to prepare the text of his thesis on the Paris Psalter. Subsequently he was able to revise and expand this work, which appeared in 1938 in the "Studies of the Warburg Institute" series. It remains a fundamental point of reference for the understanding of Byzantine art.

Saxl foresaw some at least of the disaster that the Nazis promised for scholarship in Germany. With the goodwill and generosity of Samuel Courtauld (principal benefactor of the Courtauld Institute) and others, the Warburg Library was shipped to London in 1933. Round it duly gathered a galaxy of refugee and British intellectuals. The Warburg Library is one of the great intellectual achievements in the humanities, and Buchthal did much, both as librarian for most of the 1940s. and as scholar, to keep it responsive to the needs of

Buchthal published numerous fundamental articles (some reprinted in a volume of selected studies in 1983) and books, primarily on illuminated manuscripts, but never for a wide public. His single greatest scholarly achievement is unquestionably the volume Miniature Painting in the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem (1957). Starting out from the Psalter in the British Library that he identified as made for Queen Melisende of Jerusalem (died 1143), he assembled a series of illuminated manuscripts which he argued were made in the Crusader Kingdom in the 12th and 13th centuries.

other manner of historical analyses, the book remains a model of its type. (In it he received notable assistance from Francis Wormald, then Director of the Institute of Historical Research in London, of whom he always spoke with particular warmth.) The book's arguments were triumphantly vindicated when a few years later Kurt Weitzmann, in his work on the icons at St Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai, found a large number of "cru-sader" panels which fitted neatly into the schema Buchthal had proposed. Buchthal's publications are

remarkable not only for their originality, but for the extraordinary clarity and concision with which they are argued. All the most important are in English, which he spoke with a slight Germanic lilt, and which he took infinite pains to write elegantly. He did his own typing, redrafting with the help of scissors and sticky tape, and further editing in a small but clear and regular script. He worked whenever possible directly from the sources, usually the visual sources, examining manuscripts systematically in libraries throughout Europe and the Near East. He had an extraordinarily acute memory and could call to mind images in manuscripts he had seen 40 years before. The broad emnirical foundation of his work has helped to ensure its

continuing relevance. While at the Warburg in London, Buchthal lectured regularly at the Courtauld Institute. and also supervised a few distinguished doctoral students, the first of whom, Professor Michael Kauffmann, was later to become Director of the Courtauld. His relationship with teaching and supervision changed radically, however, when he went to New York in 1965. There he found himself lionised (not to say hounded on occasions) by able and ambi-As a demonstration of the tious students who wished to kle, as "senilia". But he did



scholars, eager for his advice, also sought him out. His warm response to this enthusiasm endeared him to them to an extraordinary degree. So many senior posts in medieval and Byzantine art history in US universities are now occupied by his former students, or those who took him as their mentor. that it is hard to believe he was in New York for only 10 years.

On returning to London in 1975 he and his devoted wife Maltschi (Amalia, who survived him by only a week) moved into their small terraced house in Highgate, where they lived simply, surrounded by few possessions. They shared a profound enthusiasm for music, and in part through Maltschi's brother. Rudolf Serkin, enjoyed privileged access to many great musicians.

Buchthal continued to work with full vigour into his early eighties. His later publications he would describe, with a twinhistory in the university, and power of visual analysis, com- study with him. Established eventually cease publishing,

anxious perhaps to ensure that all his work would pass the strictest scrutiny. He remained active, however, receiving publications sent in homage from around the world, and corre-sponding and conversing on -historical topics. It was typical that he always wanted to know what people were work-ing on, and when visiting the Warburg would go first to the shelves of new publications.

In the house in Highgate is a portrait of Hugo Buchthal aged about 10. He confronts the painter and the viewer with an implacably piercing gaze. There is nothing soft or childish about the expression. It is unmistakably Buchthal. In his retirement, when I knew him, he could be charming and anecdotal. But I do not suppose that anyone meeting him doubted for a moment that for him the world of scholarship and intellectual endeavour fully merited a lifetime

of intense work. The scholars who fled from Nazi persecution were pro-

far). In the process she demon-

strated that publishing - even

in an age of vertically integrat-

The title - Fever Pitch - was

Knights's idea. She liked to tell

the story of how it was arrived

at: not through some flash of po-

etic inspiration, but through

the careful sifting of alternatives.

of what was required: a two-

the page she wrote all the emo-

tional terms; in the right-hand

column she listed the football

references. Had she been in a

judgement and resolve.

early recruits to the post-war army of Conservative MPs who rose to (in his case, relatively) high office, though hailing from social classes somewhat lower

than the pre-war party had been accustomed to. He was a gritty and stubborn man - as he demonstrated on more than one occasion - and, indeed, it was entirely fitting that, having lost his seat at Rosteth in 1964, he declared that he wanted no further truck

with Conservatism until the en-

tire upper-class echelon which

dominated the party had been

swept aside: he had in mind,

particularly, Alec Douglas-

Home, whose elevation to the leadership in 1963 had particularly angered him. He could see no future for the Tories in the continuation of the old order of social stratification, and expressed his irritation and resentment in his 1965 book The Greasy Pole. the title referring to Disraeli's remark that getting to the top in politics was like climbing just such an inhospitable object. He was moderately pleased, therefore, with Edward Heath's

election to the party leadership in 1965; but by then it was far too late for a political comeback. Bevins was born and educated in Liverpool, and remained essentially a Liverpool man all his life, having about him that distinctively pugna-cious – and often prickly sense of identity and independence associated with natives of that great city. At the outbreak of the war in 1939 he enlisted in the Royal Artillery: he ended the conflict as a major in

the Royal Army Service Corps, and immediately set about finding himself a Conservative parliamentary seat for, while he was often in the future to demonstrate sympathy with the working classes, he never had any time for the socialist

Hugo Buchthal, art historian: born Berlin 11 August 1909; Li-brarian, Warburg Institute 1941-49; Lecturer in History of Art, London University 1944-49, Reader 1949-60, Professor of the History of Byzantine Art 1960-65; FBA 1959; Professor of Fine Aris, New York University In-stitute of Fine Arts 1965-70, Ailsa Mellon Bruce Professor 1970-75 (Emeritus); married

John Lowden

1940 Amalia Serkin (died 1996: one daughter); died London 10

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doctrines being proclaimed by the supporters of Clement

In the 1945 general election Bevins fought in the Conservative interest in West Toxteth and, like many others, went down to defeat in the Tory debacle. He fought and lost Edge Hill in a by-election in 1947, but reached his desired destination when he won Toxteth in the party's recovery general election of 1950; he was to remain an MP for 14 years.
His rise to cabinet office was

not exactly spectacular: steady would be a better word to describe it. In the year after his election he was made Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Housing and Local Government. Two years later he became Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Works. In 1957 he returned to Housing and Local Government, as Minister. He was Noru Jones (three sons); died

greatly helped in the efficient Liverpool 16 November 1996.

Reginald Bevins was one of the discharge of his duties in these offices by his long service in local government: he had been a Liverpool councillor between 1935 and 1950.

In the aftermath of the 1959 general election, however, came what Bevins quite reasonably saw as his breakthrough: he was elevated to the Cabinet as Postmaster General. (He was the second last holder of that now defunct post, the last being Tony Benn.) The job was important to him personally, for it showed that he had really arrived at - or near - the top in politics. But the job was also held to be a modest one, demanding no more than pertinacity and a gift for detail. both qualities which Bevins possessed in full measure.

Circumstances and his own character, however, conspired to alter all expectations, for Bevins was to become embroiled in three of the most controversial political issues in the years before the 1964 general election.

The most conspicuous was the fallout from the Great Train Robbery of 1963 which was, up to that date, the most lucrative in the history of theft in Britain. A security guard was injured and some time later died of his injuries. Bevins was blamed for lax security in the transport of mail, though the extraordinary intelligence and daring of the thieves should not have been unfairly laid at his door. He moved speedily to tighter security, though he resisted

proposals to arm the guards. The most acrimonious controversy of this period was the post workers pay dispute of 1964 when Bevins, recommending a pay increase of 5 per cent, found himself utterly isolated in Cabinet. This was no mere difference of opinion, for his aggressive handling of his side of the case antagonised in the main permanently - his colleagues. The eventual settlement was 6.5 per cent, and Bevins took the blame for what was widely (and correctly) regarded as a dangerous surge in wage inflation.

But the most important con-troversy - and one which was to change British culture utterly was the introduction of commercial television, over which Bevins presided with skill and tact, handling complicated, and often fiery, parliamentary debates with steady firmness and unexpected tact. True, he was greatly helped by the Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, who, under the influence of his old friend, the best-selling novelist Norman Collins (who was to become one of the first of the new television magnates), had come to believe strongly in this which so many regarded as an un-British monstrosity. Bevins had much help from Collins; but the real burden of the day fell on him alone, and he carried it manfully.

It was a great pity that Bevin's relationship with his party ended in such bitterness. He was a man of stalwart character, ever ready to join battle for a cause he believed in, ever consistent in his beliefs, and ever true to his friends. Patrick Cosgrave

John Reginald Bevins, politician: born Liverpool 20 August 1908; member, Liverpool Civ Council 1935-50; MP (Conservative) for Toxteth 1950-64; PPS to the Minister of Housing and Local Government 1951-53: Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Works 1953-57, Ministry of Housing and Local Government 1957-59; Postmaster General 1959-64; PC 1959; author of The

Greasy Pole 1965; married 1933

Liz Knights

It would be sentimental to insist that Liz Knights was one of the great publishers. All one can say with any certainty is that she would had she lived have

As Publisher of the oncefamous Victor Gollancz, she was busy presiding over something like a renaissance, refreshing and expanding a list that had lost its sheen telespite having nublished early novels by Angela Carter and Salman Rushdie). She galvanised colleagues. inspired authors, protected staff from the less comfortable aspects of two takeovers in three years, and produced books that made the office teven the accounts department) shiver with pleasure.

She grew up in Bromley. Kent, studied politics at York University and joined Jonathan Cape as Tom Maschler's secretary ("a trial by fire if ever there was one", said one publisher) before going to Gollancz in 1981. Three years later she became an editor, and three years after that was appointed director of Gollanez paperbacks. She became director of general publishing in 1989, and embarked on an energetic campaign of renewal. Her first



brainchild, The Green Consumer Guide (1989), was one of the first coherent attempts to organise and explore the nature (and ill-nature) of British shopping. In the wrong hands it could have been a stray, cranky project. Her seal and panache turned it into a serious event: it sold half a million copies.

Probably her greatest adventure was the publication of

Nick Hornby's two books Fever Pitch (1992) and High Fidelity (1995). Once again, she correctly read the runes of public opinion, imagining an audience for a football memoir at a time when football fans were not well thought of. Not everyone was so perceptive. Several publishers turned Fever Pitch

nal fan could be such a true and funny book. Even those who did make a play for it were brushed aside by her brook-no-nonsense enthusiasm. Some of the losers felt a frisson of annoyance (what the heck did a woman know about football, anyway?) but Knights refused to go along with the patronising down, not imagining that the life-story of an unknown Arse-were by definition illiterate.

different mood that day, it is possible that Fever Pitch wuld have been called Happy Goalposts or Dangerous Penalties. Possible, but not likely. She subjected even her whims to rigorous cross-examination, sometimes with plenty of cheerful

There was no mistaking her full-throttle, unaffected nature and cagerness; they were easi-

ly visible in her animated good looks. One agent brought a Her conviction was hand-somely rewarded: Fever Pitch won plaudits everywhere and hot (auctionable) property to sold 400,000 copies; High Fi-delity, the novel that followed it, left with the words. That's old 380,000 copies (so it. I'm cancelling our other meetings - we've found our publisher. These successes, though, were enjoyed in the shadow of cancer, which first laid siege to

foundly grateful to their hosts.

They sought by their scholarship to repay the welcome they had

received, and in the process

transformed the world of

British academe. We have all

been beneficiaries. They were

like a living yet mythic part of

that classical tradition many of

them studied; human certainly,

but somehow heroic and

superhuman as well. To know

such people was a privilege as

well as an education.

November 1996.

ed mega-streamlining - came down to the same old things: Liz Knights in 1991. Three times she dismissed it: when it returned with renewed ferocity a few weeks ago, she persisted in talking about it with an impatient shrug, as if she was popping in to have a tooth out. She began with a formal sense I went to see her a week ago, on the publication day of my word pun. Down the left side of own book, a book in which she played (of course) a big part. She was surrounded by manuscripts, and spoke excitedly about this unlikely romance, that extraordinary life story - things she had high hopes for, people she believed in. A few days later, she died. She was 41. Robert Winder

Elizabeth Anne Knights, publisher: born Hayes Common, Keni 16 September 1955; married 1988 Ian Craig (two stepsons, one stepdaughter); died London 14

Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

BIRTHS

WEIR: On 12 November to Emiss (nee Spence) and John, a son, Angus Evan Maswell.

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HINDS: On 13 November, suddenly at bome. William George, aged 33 dearly loved husband of Marion and dear lather of Kathe and Frances. Requiem mass at St Peter's Church. Winchester on Friday 22 November at 12.15pm. Enquires to Jao Steel & Son. Telephone 01962 844044.

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Birthdays

Mr Stephen Baldock, High Master, St Paul's School, 52; M. Raymond Blanc, restaurateur, 47; Miss Maeve Fort, High Commissioner to South Africa, St. Miss Jodie Foster, actress, 34. Miss Kathleen Halpin, former Chief Administrator, WRVS, 93: Baroness leger, former MP, 81; Professor James Johnson, geographer. ore Mr Cabin Klem, lashion designer, 54: Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, former chief of the Naval Staff, 76; Mr David Lloyd-Jones, opera direc-tor, 62: Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter, 84; Miss Kathleen Quinlan, actress, 42: Miss Auriol Sinclair, National Hunt trainer, 78; Dr Robert C. Smith, Vice-Chancellor, Kingston University, 61; Mr Dennis Taylor, snowker champion, 47; The Ven Michael Till, Archdeacon of Can-lerbury, 61; Dame Margaret Turner Warwick, former President, Royal College of Physicians, 72; Mr Mike Vernon, record producer, 52.

Anniversaries

Births: Charles I, King of England and Scotland, 1600; Vicomie Ferdinand de Lesseps, enemeer and pro-moter of the Suez Canal. 1805: Tommy Dorsey, trombonist and bandleader, 1905; Indira Gandhi. stateswoman, 1917. Deaths: Nicolas Poursin, painter, 1665: Thomas Shadwell, poer and playwright, 1692; Franz Peter Schubert, composer, 1828: Sir William (Karl Wilhelm) Siemens, metallurgist, 1883; Elizabeth Taylor, novelist, 1975. On this day: Pepe Paul III issued a Bull to summon the Council of Trent, 1544; Blackfrian Bridge across the Thames was opened for carriages, 1769; Pres-

ident Lincoln delivered his speech at ietrysburg, 1863; the Versailles Peace Treaty was rejected by the US Senate. 1919; the first general con-ference of Unesco was held in Paris. 1946; the Cunard liner Queen Elizwheth II made her first voyage, 1968; in Paris, the Treaty on Convention-al Armed Forces was signed between Nato and members of the Warsaw Pact, thus ending the "Cold War". 1990. Today is the Feast Day of St Barlaam of Antioch. St Ermenburga and St Nerses I.

Lectures

National Gallery: Adrian Le Hariv-el, "Grand Tours (iii): Irish Milands on the Grand Tour", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Julia Taylor, "Vorticism and Bloomsbury".

Gresham College, Barnard's inn Hall, London EC1: Professor Peter Hennessy, "Premiership II: Country Values, Alee Douglas-Home 1963-

Luncheons

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, held a luncheon yestenday at 1 Carlton Gardens, London SW1, in honour of Prince Henri. Crown Prince of Luxembourg.

Dinners United Oxford and Cambridge University Club

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Chancellor of Oxford University, and Lord Blake, former Provost of Queen's

College, Oxford, were principal speakers at a dinner held yesterday vening at the United Oxford and Cambridge University Club, London SW1. They spoke on "The Quintessential Victorian, Gladstone or Disraeli?" Sir Bryan Nicholson Chairman of the Club, presided. World Congress of Faiths

Dr George Carey, Archbishop of

Canterbury, gave the 1946 Sir Francis Younghusbond Memorial Lecture yesterday evening at Lambeth Palace. London SEI. He spoke on "How Fur Can We Travel Together: facing the real issues of interfaith dialogue." Professor Keith Ward, President of the World Congress of Faiths, was in

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Changing of the Guard

Minister acted unfairly towards the Fayeds R v Secretary of State for the LAW REPORT

Home Department, ex parte Fayed and another: Court of Appeal (Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls Lord Justice Kennedy, Lord Justice Phillips) 13 November 1996

The provision in section 44(2)

of the British Nationality Act 1981, that the Home Secretary was not required to give reasons for refusing an application for British citizenship, did not relieve him of the obligation to be fair. Fairness dictated that, while he need not give reasons for his decision, he ought in some circumstances to inform the applicant beforehand of any matters weighing against the grant of naturalisation, so the applicant could address him on

those matters. The Court of Appeal by a majority (Lord Justice Kennedy dissenting) allowed an appeal by Mohammed and Ali al-Fayed, reversed the decision of brothers had substantial busi-Mr Justice Judge, and quashed the Home Secretary's refusal to grant them British citizenship. The Home Secretary for naturalisation as a British must now reconsider their

applications. The 1981 Act provided by section 6 that the Home Sec-relary "may, if he thinks fit."

grant an applicant who "fulfils the requirements of Schedule I" for a certificate of naturalisation. Among the require-ments in Schedule I was "that he is of good character". By section 44(2):

The Secretary of State . . . shall not be required to assign any reason for the grant or refusal of any applica-tion under this Act the decision on which is at his discretion; and [his] decision . . . shall not be subject to appeal to, or review in, any court. Both Fayed brothers were

born in Egypt but had lived in the UK since the 1960s and had been granted indefinite leave to remain. Mohammed was married to a Finnish citizen but his children were British citizens; Ali's wife and children were all British citizens. Both ness interests in the UK and were resident for tax purposes.

In February 1993 Ali applied citizen under the 1981 Act. Mohammed applied in February 1994. After long delays, during which the Home Secretary stated publicly that the applications cants an opportunity to be

were regarded as "especially difficult or sensitive", the applications were both refused in February 1995. No reasons were given and their request for reasons was refused.

Michael Beloff QC and Rabinder Singh (D.J. Freemon & Co) for Mo-hammed al-Fayed; M. Beloff QC and Mark Shaw (Palmer Cowen) for Ali ul-Faved; Stephen Richards and Stuart Catchpole (Treasury Solicitor) for

Lord Woolf MR said neither of the applicants had ever been told what aspects of their applications had given rise to difficulties or reservations. Without information as to this it would be impossible for them to volunteer information to support their applications.

The refusal of their applications was damaging to their rep-utations, and deprived them of the substantial benefits of citizenship. The minister's decisions were therefore classically ones which, but for section 44(2), would involve an obligation on him to give the applireached.

The fact that the minister might refuse an application because he was not satisfied that the applicant fulfilled the rather nebulous requirement of good character or "if he thinks fit" underlined the need for an obligation of fairness.

The provision in section 44(2) that his decision was not subject to appeal or review did not relieve the minister of his obligation to be fair, nor deprive the court of its power to ensure the needs of fairness were met.

His Lordship rejected the submission that the prohibition in section 44(2) on the minister being required to give reasons impliedly excluded any requirement to give the applicants the notice which fairness dictated they needed to make

an application. Justice must not only be done but must be seen to be done and it had not been seen to be done in relation to the Fayeds' application. The minister's decisions must be quashed so they could be retaken in a manner

which was fair.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

t all started at Agincourt. Before
1415 foreign invaders always had the
ufacturers, along with the Americans,
build the weapons of the world. We are advantage, as they swooped down on the British Isles with their superior battleficid technology. The Romans did it with daggers, the Vikings with their navy. But, as every English history student knows, when the fifth King Hal faced the mighty French army, it was the longbow that saved the day. Raining arrows down from a distance on the advancing foe, the longbow far excelled the little crossbows held by the other side. And so began the long British tradition of weapons manufacture and warfare success.

For a nation with so few private arms, we do a great trade in publicly owned killing machines. Last night Parliament voted for new, tight restrictions on guns. Dangerous weapons are to be kept safely out of civilian hands. Yet at the weekend we discovered that a British company has been cheerfully supplying Rwandan civilians with guns that would be illegal in Britain, facilitating genocide.

At the same time Michael Portillo announced with pride a new £500m arms deal with Qatar. Meanwhile last week Australia announced a £1bn order for the Hawk training aircraft built by British Aerospace. Our Secretary of State for Defence is proud of his prowess, our trade unions applaud the retention of jobs, and our military industrial tradition continues.

British companies make serious money from arms dealing; British man-

No cover-up

the European Commission are

concerned, Andrew Puddephatt (article, 15 November) appears to

have relied on gossip in the French and Belgian tabloid press; had he

The quote from a letter written

by Guy Legras, Director-General

for Agriculture, is taken out of

correspondence shows that Mr

Legras was pointing out that the matter under consideration (the

use of offals in baby food) had

followed the proceedings of the

of Inquiry into BSE he would surely not have regurgitated the nonsense about the Commission

trying to cover up BSE.

context; the complete

in Europe over BSE

second only to our friends across the Atlantic for arms exports. Given how low down other international league tables we fall (in output, export and manufac-turing) this is quite an achievement. But do we feel proud of it? Should we? After all, we are profiting from the production and sale of equipment whose purpose is to kill and control. The more threatening the global environment, the greater the demand for our weapons. The British economy is disproportionately oriented towards creating destructive material far more so than the economies of any of our European counterparts. Shouldn't we be trying to concentrate our skills on

something less morally suspect instead? Three arguments are offered in defence of our defence industry: that countries need weapons to defend themselves and promote peace; that someone is going to sell weapons, so it might as well be us; and that we desperately need the work. All three are inadequate to justify the level of national resources that goes into building arms.

For a start, many of our arms contracts do not promote peace at all. Providing Hawk training aircraft for our Nato allies seems fair enough. They are on the same side as us, they are (in the main) demo-cratic governments with good records on human rights. Supplying the Indonesian government with the equipment it needs to repress its own population is consid-



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erably more questionable. So is selling ing demand. The very development and arms to Iraq, or pseudo-military equip-ment to Argentina. The nations we claim as temporary allies for the sake of a few contracts could well be using those weapons against our troops, or our friends' troops, a few years down the line.

Nor is it entirely plausible to claim that some other country and some other arms company would step in if we were to stop. Sure, if the Australians were not purchasing the Hawk, they would buy an American or European design instead. However, arms manufacturing is not a competitive market in which firms spring up all over the place to meet pre-exist-

construction of newer, more sophisticated equipment creates new demand, as everyone wants the latest model. Moreover the technology and expertise needed to produce high quality, affordable armaments is concentrated in relatively few countries. International arms embargoes may not stop foreign govemments getting hold of weapons at all, but they can deny them the very best and most sophisticated gear. The real reason that politicians, businesses and trade unions are all in favour of our defence contracts is because it means jobs. The people working on dockyard defence

keen to cling on to what they have. The world wants weapons, we want work.

But British manufacturing need not be quite so heavily geared towards defence. After 1945 other countries - notably Germany - managed to turn sword building plant into washing machine building plant. An economy geared towards war turned round to reap the profits of peace instead. Ours largely failed in that effort. It might have been better for our economic prosperity as well as for our moral conscience if we had focused a little more on civilian production and a little less on defence. Guns and boats and bombs may have helped sustain Britain's global status (a place on the UN Security Council, a seat at the bar of of the nuclear club). But they did not guarantee us conspicuous prosperity in the last 50 years, and there seems no good reason why they should do so in future, either. Perhaps, in the next century, rising tensions will boost the international demand for weaponry, and our over-emphasis on weaponry as a national talent will prove to be a good long-term gamble. But it seems unlikely. Better, surely, to concentrate on diversification, using our skills to move into new and expanding areas of technology.

To do so, we will have to change the culture of the businesses and industries that still depend on defence. The very fact that British society is so un-militant

contracts or at the British Aerospace and un-militarised may have contributed to the dominance of the defence indusand un-militarised may have contributed try. The professionalism of our military feeds into the notion of an expert industry, providing top quality equipment for one of the most skilled armies in the world. But our professional military tradition, from Agincourt, through the Spanish Armada, through the Empire, to both world wars, may no longer be doing us any great favours. We should leave the longbow to history and King Hal, and build something more creative.

A blow for equality

We rejoice when the ancient male bastions fall: men's clubs admitting women, women being allowed to order at the bar-women, in short, feeling free to do anything that men have traditionally kept to themselves. That even extends to women fighting alongside men in battle. But it seems disappointing that boxing is extending its appeal to young girls. when really, ideally, its appeal should be fading for everyone. The spectacle of two people trying to rattle each other's brains, split their facial skin, re-organise their internal organs, and knock them to the ground, is no more appetising because women are doing it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

BUT LOOK... WE HAVE AN EVEN MORE RADICAL DESIGN TO TRY ON. Sir: As far as the actions on BSE of European Parliament's Committee

already been addressed in a precautionary way but that he was willing to go further if necessary. This is the opposite of the false impression which the selective quote is intended to give. The assertion that the Standing Veterinary Committee (composed of representatives of the state veterinary services of all member states) had, in 1990, argued that it was "necessary to minimise the BSE affair by using disinformation" is particularly ridiculous. It was not the committee which was supposed to have decided this, but a member of the commission staff who was alleged to have suggested it. Given

imagine that they would all have followed such a policy. It is also clear, from the most cursory glance at the policy followed by the commission, that there was no attempt to cover anything up or to "disinform". Only a month after this meeting of the committee, the commission hosted a major conference on BSE, with the participation of experts from around the world, and published

the different views about BSE held by the 12 member states, it is surely

a little difficult, even for the most determined conspiracy theorist, to

the proceedings. Perhaps western democracy isn't in such a had way after all. NDREW J WILSON Brussels

Sir: Could I indicate my agreement with the article (15 November) by Andrew Puddephatt, director of Charter 88, on the democratic problems that permitted the BSE

CTISIS. As one of the few medics in the field able to speak out (no family, no mortgage), I have been denied information and put down as a crank by Maff. All the way through it has seemed as if only internal ideas and decisions could be correct and that anything that suggested human risk was invalid. Misinformation was put out from central sources: the Public Health Laboratory Service was kept out from something that was clearly a matter for experts in the human epidemiology of infectious disease, and other governments and advisors were given inadequate data with which to make decisions. Things must improve: research attest be liberally funded (more than £100 million is needed on independent research). For instance, it is essential that we find

out the number of people who are

planning for the future and blood

considered. The Medical Research

Council recently turned down the

application to do this. At a recent

currently incubating BSE, as

transfusion risks must be

conference I asked 26 drug

companies if they were considering looking for a CJD treatment. None

The real change took place when Professor John Pattison became the chairman of the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory
Committee. He is looked on as an honest and open person by all groups and his presence has meant that external ideas are at least being considered. Pattison has been the hero that got valid information through to the Government, but under the current system of democracy he might never have arrived.
Dr STEPHEN DEALLER Consultant Medical Microbiologist Burnley General Hospital Burnley, Lancashire

Ban on guns is not the answer

Sir: The firearms (Amendment) Bill has reached its committee stage ("Major heads for a dangerous victory on guns", 18 November). We believe it is an illogical, media-led response to a complex issue. It will not work because it does not address the key problem - spree killing and its causes. Nevertheless, the bill risks lulling the public into a false sense of security. It will also dislocate the lives of tens of thousands of

sportsmen and women. If Parliament is serious about addressing firearms crime, there are sensible steps to take, such as focusing police resources on violent criminals, creating a national firearms control board and doing something to stop the influx of black-market weapons

into this country, the number of which is growing as a result of EU frontier changes, the break-up of the Soviet Union and, not least, the

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drugs trade.
The policing failure at Dunblane also warrants deeper study.
Thomas Hamilton was investigated seven times without action being taken against him. Section 30 of the 1968 Firearms Act would have allowed for the removal of his certificate.

A simplistic ban on one type of gun - the focus of the Firearms Bill is not the answer. The bill as it stands is theatre. It ignores Lord Cullen's advice and, most worryingly, sets a precedent for legislation which shuns objective evidence and glorifies the irrational. It scapegoats more than a million ordinary people for the crimes of one evil man. It will be the poorest of memorials to his victims. ALBIE FOX MICHAEL YARDLEY

The Sportsman's Association Shrewsbury, Shropshire

Ingratitude of Oxford to Said

Sir. Having spent four very happy years as an undergraduate at Brasenose College, I am appalled at the way that Messrs Said and Flick have been treated by a number of people within the Oxford community ("Said sets limit for £20m gift", 12 November).

Unless I am mistaken, the "arms deal" which is often alluded to was the al-Yamamah project to supply the Saudi Air Force with Tornado aeroplanes. This contract secured jobs and prosperity for this country. Mr Said should be rewarded not recriminated.

The reason the ethics committee at Oxford gave for not accepting Mr Flick's money (that his grandfather was a Nazi sympathiser) is exactly the reason why they should have accepted the money. The chair of European Thought that Mr Flick wanted to establish would have promoted understanding between the different European cultures and would help to ensure that Europe is never at war again. Surely we

should be trying to build bridges with the peoples of Germany rather than burning them. It is a shame that because of the small-mindedness of a few, many young people may be denied an education in the areas of business and European thought. I hope that Messrs Said and Flick donate their money to more grateful recipients. IAMES ARCHER London SE1

Put your trust in Santa Claus

Sir: We believe in Father Christmas. Although no Santa has been accused of child abuse, some shops, including Selfridges, have banned unaccompanied children

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from entering Santa's grotto (report, 15 November). Two weeks ago we found out that male nurses have been warned off cuddling sick children, now it's Santa. Children and their parents are suffering because of a fear of abuse that far

outstrips the actual risk. Visiting Santa's Grotto allows children to engage in a happy fantasy and enriches their experience. Sometimes visiting Santa for the first time can be a little scary, but it all turns out happily and helps children develop self-confidence with people they do not know.

This action threatens to undermine parents' confidence to leave their child unattended, even for a few minutes. The ban sends out the message that no adult, not even Santa Claus, can be trusted. It says more about the imaginations of people who come up with these plans than about innocent men dressed up in silly clothes. KATE MOORCOCK Families for Freedom London N5

Is 'Cassandra' a woman?

Sir: Your "resident Greek scholar" might have pointed out that, besides being murdered by Clytemnestra, Cassandra was, rather more relevantly, a woman ("Predictions galore in Cassandra hunt", 16 November). Shouldn't your line-up of the usual suspects – Austin Mitchell, Tony Banks, John

Help at hand for new parents Sir: Jack O'Sullivan has some

interesting points in his article
"Back To School For Mum and
Dad" (14 November). However, I
am puzzled by his lack of awarenes of existing support services for parents of children under five. All children in this age group have a named health visitor, who provides care and support from birth to when the child starts school The frequency of contact, which includes home visits, is determined secording to the needs of the parent and child, but advice is always available. Help and support is offered, which covers all the topics covered by the New York project quoted in the article (health, nutrition, child development, parenting), but is available to all, not just those on low incomes.

Health visitors are employed by NHS Trusts, but work as part of the primary healthcare team. They can easily be contacted via the local Trust or through the GP surgery. No parent need find themselves in the position of saying "Oh God what do I do now? ANNE HAWKINS Health Visitor Plymouth

Film favourites

Sir: I'm grateful to Peter Popham for informing us that Michael Bogdanov was the director of The Last Picture Show.

I've always rated it up there with Bruce Forsyth's Local Hero and Terry Scott's Blade Runner. STEPHEN GALLAGHER Blackburn, Lancushire

Refugees still need UN help

Sir. It would be easy to conclude that the worst is over for the thousands who have now left the camps in Zaire and who have decided to return to Rwanda ("Refugees abandon camps to rats", 18 November). However, there is still a job for the United Nations intervention force to do. Aid agencies are already in danger of being overwhelmed, thousands are still in Zaire and the

militia are merely in hiding. We have " "nessed but one phase of the exodus. The aid agencies the Rwandan government and me ntervention ' v ad randing a time to turn chaos into an ordered resettlement. This will take months.

This is no time for dithering; a continuing process from survival to rehabilitation needs establishing. More intervention not less is called for in anticipation of close to a million people finally returning.

The developed nations have demanded that the camps be closed and called for the people to return home. Their representatives need to be on the ground now to make more than a symbolic gesture, to demonstrate that peace pays, to sustain one of the most sudden and dramatic movements of people we have ever seen. DAVID H W GRUBB Executive Director Children's Aid Direct Reading, Berkshire

Sir: Paul Vallely remarks, about the current Zaire crisis ("Too late – yet again". 18 November), that "the odd thing is that such situations should take us by surprise in the first place". Yes, hindsight is always 20:20 but we don't yet have a lexicon of textbook responses to preconflict or post-conflict situations equivalent to those well-thumbed guides for the military.

Further, the collective memories of the UN, of its partner NGOs and of the myriad academic institutions that disseminate their own versions of the UN's excursions still require a satisfactory protocol.

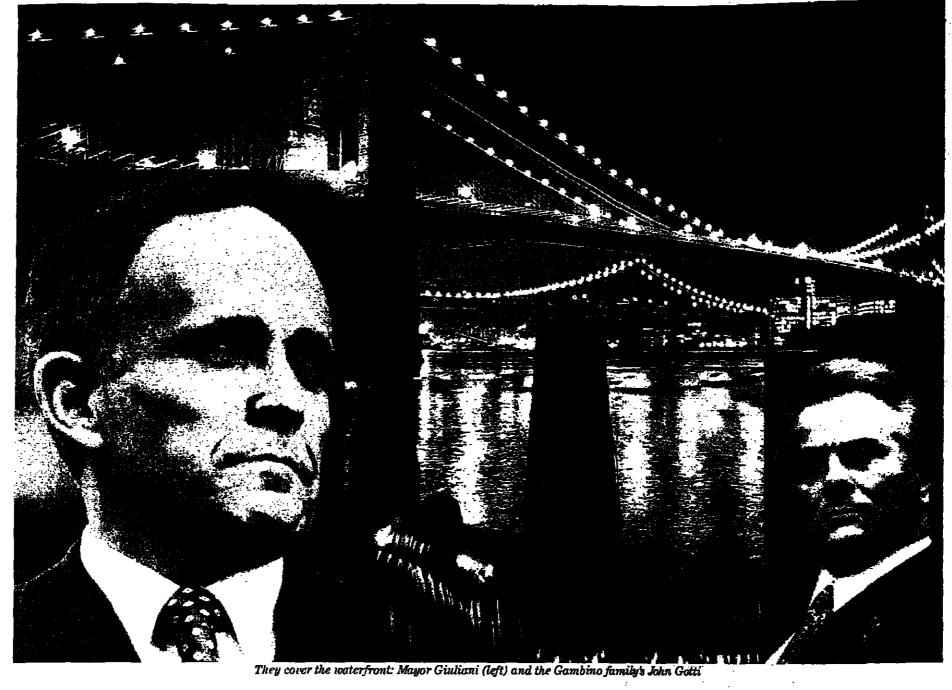
This problem extends to the strategic issue of development. The UN's New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s has just published its Mid-Term Report. It details a good number of positive advances in Africa that will be widely welcomed. But tracking how these follow on from the UN's New Agenda leads one into tricky waters. The UN's new System-Wide Special Initiative for Africa seeks to address this issue. Its transparency, involving 28 UN agencies and the World Bank, will enable the objective onlooker to judge progress on each element of its programme. Perhaps the much-needed protocol might be emerging. DAVID WARDRÖP Chair, London Regional Council United Nations Association London W7

Advice for China

Sir. Baroness Thatcher expressed "dismay" at recent harsh sentences for Chinese dissidents ("China feels Thatcher's handbag", 15 November). Is this the same Thatcher who presided over the death of Bobby Sands - a dissident MP? She also counselled the Chinese: "Never be afraid of opposition ... let public opposition come out." Is this the same Thatcher who banned Gerry Adams's voice from the airwaves? Is this hypocrisy or stand-up comedy? THOMAS HUTCHISON McFADDEN

Pembroke College, Oxford

Rudolph Giuliani has made New York a safer place. He stopped the squeegee pirates, the fare dodgers and welfare fraud. And now he's after the Mafia. **David Usborne** looks at the mayor facing the mob



CityFather v the Godfathers

liani suggested on late-night TV's David Letterman Show that the new slogan for New York City might be "We can kick your city's ass". he might have added. "because that is what I have been doing to mine ever since I was voted into office". Just ask the windscreen squeegee men who have road junctions, the fare dodgers who have been chased from the rail subways or the legions who have found themselves separated from their welfare checks.

Best of all, ask the Mafia dons. President Clinton - can claim to lives of those who elected him than New York's Giuliani.

against organised criminals in the Mafia mob that suggests a script for a sequel to On the

Giuliani can be peevish and a bully. His thirst for public exposure and acclaim can on occasion make him look like a spoiled child. But when his turn comes for re-election next year, Giuliani will be hard to beat. And that in spite of the fact that he is a Republican in been evicted from the city's a town that is Democrat by a margin of five to one. America's Newsweek maga-

zine this month highlighted the seeming paradox that is Giuliani. He is, it declared, the "most hated" mayor in Amerincluding the freshly re-elected most successful, putting him on its front cover alongside Willie have so directly touched the Brown, the mayor of San Francisco, under the headline "City Slickers". While national poli-He has presided over a tics may be all waffle and govdecline in New York's crime ernment reform by baby steps, rates that is the envy of every the magazine argued, it is in city in the land and, along the cities like New York that the way, carried on a campaign real action can be found.

After his razor-thin defeat in 1993 of New York's last Democrat mayor, David Dinkins, an African-American. Giuliani made a single pledge: to improve the city's quality of life.

Three years later, it is impossible to deny that he has made good on the promise. This year some 1,000 murders will be committed in the city, still a terrifying number, but less than half those recorded in 1993. In FBI rankings of America's most crime-ridden cities, New York has sunk so low as to be almost

Advertising billboards for the Sony Corporation play on the company name as denoting only a few years ago was the international symbol of urban violence and decay is suddenly hip again. Companies want to be associated with it. Hotels and tour buses are overflowing again as tourists overcome their fear of the Big Apple's once-

homicidal reputation. "He ran on a central plat-

form that he would make New York safe again," explains Mitchell Moss of New York University's Urban Research Center. "And palpably, it is a safer place". Writing on Giuliani in New York Magazine this month, Michael Thomasky puts it this way: "How often does a ciate the mayor for his lust for politician promise stunning confrontation." Nobody voted results and actually deliver on

Hence Giuliani's enviable position in the mayoral election race that will climax in 12

He has had some luck. Crack cocaine, a drug that feeds aggression, has ebbed in popularity and given ground to lowing effect.

And, although it has lagged the nation as a whole, New York is at last seeing the effects of the economic recovery. Thanks to booming business on Wall Street, the city last week discovered a \$450m windfall in tax revenues, taking it above the year's projections. Adding to the feel-good factor, last month New York, with its population of 7.5 million, was able to wallow in an orgy of civic pride when the Yankees base-ball team defeated the Atlanta Braves to win the World Series.

Nor is it clear that being "hated" will necessarily work against the mayor. It is true that his approval ratings are ominously low, never rising above the 50 per cent that is regarded as a must-break threshold by most politicians. He is regularly labelled as vindictive by his foes, including Ed Koch, the still-ubiquitous predecessor of Dinkins, who recently called Giuliani a "horse's ass"

Giuliani drew wide oppro-brium a year ago when he turfed Yasser Arafat out of a Lincoln Center concert given for delegates at the UN's 50th anniversary. But this being New York, where rudeness is worn with pride, voters may apprefor him for his personality,' says Moss, "but his style of governing is what most New Yorkers feel comfortable with".

pugilism of Giuafter his appointment as a federal district attorney in New York in the early 1980s.

"The Mafia will be crushed." he famously declared when three leading members of New York's mob families came to trial in 1986. The pursuit of the dons, their capi and consiglieri has borne fruit, most notably with the 1990 conviction of John Gotti, head of the Gambino family, for setting up the execution of a gangland rival in front of a Manhattan steak

In June this year Giuliani got the credit when mass charges were filed against 19 members of the Genovese clan. These ranged from murder and bank robbery through to large-scale theft of equipment and plant from construction sites. Charges, involving sums up to \$20m, included the theft of cash donations from a religious shrine at San Gennaro during the Little Italy Festival.

As mayor, however, Giuliani

concluded that imprisoning the ringleaders was not enough when he declared that he was and opened a second front: rooting out the Mafia from where it thrives, most notably from the city's huge wholesale markets and the \$1.5bn-a-year. waste collection business, Giuliani may be of Italian her-itage, but his commitment to crippling the Cosa Nostra is unswerving.

It is no wonder that when organised crime here," the this mayor travels his fief it is always in an armoured Chevrolet Suburban with bodyguards at his side. Hollywood may have given us a picture of the Mafia in New York that seems overblown and romanticised, demonstrated, even in the 1990s celluloid fiction and reality can often overlap.

When the Giuliani administration took on a 17-strong cabal of Italian hauliers that controlled all of Manhattan's rubbish routes and allowed a non-New York company. Browning-Ferris Industries of Texas, to break into the market with cartel-breaking prices, one of its top executives had a taste of Mafia intimidation first hand. He awoke one morning in his Westchester home to find a severed dog's head on his front

Today, hauliers proven to have had organised crime connections have been banned from the city and everyone in the industry must undergo background checks and fingerprinting before they are licensed. Manhattan businesses have begun to see their rubbish collection bills fall to a fraction

of what they used to be. Giuliani's boldest move

The Mafia campaign generates the headlines, but it is Giuliani's success in tackling all varieties of crime that will most endear him to voters. The chimination of the Squeegee pirates, who would threaten drivers with damp cloths and washing liquid until appeased with money, has become the metaphor for the mayor's nowfeted "quality-of-life" approach to policing.
As well as acting to merge

the city's three police forces into one, Giuliani determined that even the most common-place of infractions, from spitting to defacement with graftiti.
had to be prosecuted to the foll
in the belief that the return of order at the lowest level would percolate through to all levels of crime. While "go ahead on red" may still apply at most New York traffic lights, the crime statistics - and the overwhelming interest shown by police forces from around America and from abroad suggest there is something to

iuliani has, meannessed his capacity for ruthlessness to [] ing New York's age-old malaise of a grossly overbloated city workforce, further paralysed by intransigent unions. Propelled by an overwhelming need to tackle the city's monster deficit, he has trimmed the city bureaucracy by more than 15,000 and announced plans to close three of its 11 municipal hospitals. He claims also to have pruned New York's giant welfare rolls - a legacy of the city's decades of liberal Democratic leadership - by as many as 180,000 people, of which some 37,000 have been found new jobs.

Such actions do not come without risk and, as they begin to bite, a Democratic challenge to Giuliani next year might not look so hopeless. A sure Achilles' heel is education. While the mayor has waged repeated and bitter wars with the city's Board of Education over management issues, he is perceived to have done little to alleviate the chronic overcrowding and underfunding of

The poor of New York, meanwhile, have not faced well under the mayor, as witnessed by an explosion in the numbers of charity soup kitchens. There are now 907 kitchens in the city. compared with 750 when Giuliani took office. Physically, meanwhile, the city is as decrepit as it ever was, with its roads, bridges and airports a

crumbling mess.
As New York stifles its yawns. over this year's presidential race and braces itself for the real election season - the choice of the next occupant of the mayoral Gracie Mansion -- Mr Giuliani is confronted with this dilemma: should he try to soften his image or should he carry on playing the bully in the belief that in this town that is what gets you respect? But then he, of course, may see himself only as Mr Reasonable. "I think I'm very congenial," he recently told a reporter. "I don't fight with anyone who doesn't fight with me".

Urgent: children's exodus from Zaire

Can you help?

'n the next week, 400,000 people are expected to return to Rwanda from L Zaire. Among them are countless children who are hungry, vulnerable and terrified.

Aid agency Children's Aid Direct are waiting to receive hundreds of children who have been separated from their parents. Executive Director David Grubb says: "This is just the beginning. As children continue to arrive, our priority is to keep them alive and then re-unite them with their families."

For two years, Children's Aid Direct have been helping families in Rwanda to return to normal community life. They need your support today to help keep these refugees alive and provide them with the seeds, tools and health care they need to rebuild their lives.



Vulnerable children need your help today

Please join Children's Aid Direct in giving these children the future they deserve. £30 could feed 150 children for a day. £30 could provide a family with essential seeds and tools. Can you help today?

Yes, I want to help children rebuild their lives

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A season that celebrates the falling feeling her like leaves in the ditch.



Miles Kington

utumn! Season of A mixed and yearon and gums, when the leaves fall from the trees like empty toffee papers, and the sun hangs all day in the sky like a great boiled sweet!

When large clouds suddenly jack-knife over the motorway and shed their load of fresh rainwater on north- and south-bound carriageways alike! When the new playing strip for autumn is finally

unveiled in every hedgerow, and yes, the colours of this year's autumn playing strip are chocolate brown, lemon yellow and tangerine orange, just as they were last year and the year before, so how is your season going. Trevor? Well, things are looking good for us, Brian, we got a good result against Woodland Wanderers last Saturday, and of course these are early days yet, Brian, but I think by the end of the season we'll be there or thereabouts, because this is only ...

Autumn! Season of rifts and mellow divisiveness, when marriages gently drift apart and the cry of regret is heard in the woods, and Lady Di's wicked stepmother does it again ...

Raine, Raine, go away, Get remarried another day! When Fergie goes on television in a very expensive suit of sackcloth and ashes to say she is very sorry, Ruby, and she doesn't want to be Princess of England any more, Ruby, just Knave of Hearts, but it wasn't really her fault, Ruby, and the royal debts pile up behind

and the TV schedules are choked with repeats, and look, isn't that the last Absolutely Fabulous winging its way abroad? Yes, because it's emigrating to America now, where the Americans are going to remake it for an American audience, which means that there will be no smoking and no drinking and no swearing and no adultery and no laughs, but here in Britain there is still plenty of smoking because it's ...

Autumn! Season of blazing bonfires, where the old boughs are barbecued and the tough sycamore leaves are smoked over an oak fire until they come out utterly delicious, my dear, we have a little man who comes in once a week and does the smoking for us. look, we've got smoked ground elder and smoked rose leaves and smoked almond branches and candied rose hips glistening sugary in the morning frost,

because it's ... Autumn! Season of shortterm weather forecasts and

long-term losses, when there might be ground frost in some areas and the mist might linger for a long time in others, or in the words of

taking full control of the Fulton

Fish Market, the nation's

largest seafood wholesaler, on

the grounds that it was a hot-

bed of Mafia extortion, intimi-

dation, shake-downs and loan-

sharking.
"New Yorkers have had to pay a 20-25 per cent premium for the pleasure of having

mayor alleged. The initiative

triggered anguished protest

from operators who com-

plained of intimidation not by

the Mafia but the mayor and of

a violation by the city of their

constitutional rights. Lo and

checks into all of the market's

residents were about to begin,

a mysterious fire swept through

one of the main warehouses.

Few doubted that the building

Encouraged by a city report

released just last week showing

a 2 per cent drop in fish prices

at the market this year, com-

pared with a 13 per cent

increase in prices nationwide. the mayor is preparing to take

his assault a step further. The

same anti-Maha measures are

to be applied to New York's

other four main wholesale food

markets. In addition, a new

regulation now pending before

the City Council aims to break

the link between workers' unions and the mob. All union

officials will have to go through finger-printing and background checks and any found with

Maña ties will be banned from

the markets for life. Terry, the

mob turncoat played by Marlon Brando in On the Waterfront,

had been set alight by arson.

the old country rhyme ... Michael Fish, Michael Fish, Right or wrong, he's a bit of a disk! And here's another

amazing fact - did you know that on 5 November every year more damage is done to British back gardens than Guy Fawkes and his merry men ever did to the Houses of Parliament on the original Bonfire Night? Yes, police are at this very moment looking for 10,000 dads to help them with their

- Excuse me sir, did you or did you not on November 5th hand a Roman candle to your child with the words Here, son, you can light this one", thus causing extensive damage with a street value of millions of pounds?

- Yes, I did, officer, but

look at it this way: I was only trying to topple the Government and get the

Catholics a decent deal! - Fair enough, sir. Try to again, because you have to be careful when it's ...

Autumn! A Grand Clearance Sale of recent history! And it's time for every tree in the land to turn out its unwanted pages, shed its leaves, strew its memos underfoot for our feet to shred, time for nature to get. rid of old election promises and make some new ones ...

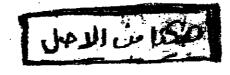
More Than 50 per cent Of Trees Do Not Know Why Their Leaves Full Off," says shock report by government inspectors, which goes on to reveal that standards in our woodlands have slipped by more than half since the government introduced its new seasonal curriculum, but don't worry, because you now get through adult life understanding, or, in the words of the old country

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Ian McCaskill talks through his Je: I can't understand a word

he says ... Soon in a hedgerow somewhere near you!



European Monetary Union: Britain continues its struggle to be both in and out

Why Labour changed its mind on a referendum

Our man in Brussels faces two ways

he real mystery about Labour's pledge to hold a referendum if it decides to enter EMU is not that it happened, but that it didn't happen

Since March it has been clear that in the coming elec-tion campaign John Major would have been been able to say, day after day, that he had promised not to enter a single currency without a referendum and Labour hadn't.

Tony Blair has long believed that it would be impossible to join EMU at the outset without a referendum. Robin Cook, his powerful Shadow Foreign Secretary, certainly wanted one though he might ideally have preferred a pledge to rule EMU entry out in the first wave. Indeed there was a strong case for trumping Major by jumping in early with a referendum pledge - causing may-hem among the Tories and making the Prime Minister look weak when he inevitably followed suit.

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To understand why this didn't happen earlier - and why the decision, when it came, wasn't preceded by a stand-up row in the shadow Cabinet you need to understand that there are two Gordon Browns. Not two personalities, but two jobs: the determinedly pro-Europe Shadow Chancellor, and the political strategist. It's no secret that Brown, like Kenneth Clarke, disliked the idea

of a referendum on what he regarded essentherefore, argue the most disappointed protially as economic policy. The Chancellor in Europeans, the chances of it even thinking of Brown was determined to keep alive as long as possible the option that Labour would make its manifesto more pro-EMU and so avoid the need for a referendum. He wanted to avoid the kind of pledge which made it look like a con-cession that EMU was a matter of constitutional principle. And he was anxious not to close off any of his options after the election. But by September, the electoral strategist in Brown had bowed to logic as well as his leader. With the public mood increasingly anti-EMU any alternative to a referendum pledge was a

The details are instructive. The final decision was arrived at with such secrecy that Tony Blair didn't do more than hint at it obliquely when he met President Chirac in Paris on Friday. Brown's trusted adviser Ed Balls was dispatched on 4 November for a final round of talks in Brussels with Giovanni Ravasio, head of the DG2 economic secretariat, other top Eurocrats and some seriously high-ranking British officials, to test to destruction the reports and rumours already surfacing about difficulties over the EMU timetable. Balls established that the Franco-German argument over disciplining countries, which fell below the exacting Maastricht criteria after joining, was indeed deadlocked and would not be solved at the Dublin summit next month. He also found that even the most ardent optimists about EMU were now admitting that there was at least a 25 per cent chance that the monetary union timetable would slip.

This gave Brown a convincing explanation for announcing the policy now. With no certainty about EMU timing, it was now at once more difficult to argue for a clear election pledge in favour of a single currency, and easier to explain why the party would instead opt firmly for a referendum. In convincing himself Brown found it easier to convince others. And he was determined to make the announcement himself; first because EMU was his responsi-



Donald Macintyre

There are two Gordon Browns the pro-Europe Shadow Chancellor, and the political

strategist

time. Instead they opted for an Independent on Sunday interview a week later, which would give Brown unlimited access to TV over the weekend. However, this didn't dispel the notion that EMU had become less likely as a result of the announcement. This is hardly surprising, given that at least one prospect it holds out goes like this: some time in 1998 a Labour government, already deeply unpopular for delivering a deflationary budget to force Britain's deficit down to Maastricht levels, struggles to win a referendum against an unremittingly hostile press And, for good measure, against a uni-formly anti-EMU Shadow Cabinet, led by a vibrant young leader such as Michael Portillo. Naturally a Labour Cabinet would not be demented enough

to immolate itself like this; British EMU entry in the first wave have been

reduced to near zero. So why isn't Brown more downcast? First, this daunting scenario ignores one or two key variables. One is the economy itself, and just how austere a couple of budgets Brown will have to introduce if the economy is growing and the revenues are flowing. If the signs are good, the government may not need to get so unpopular so quickly. Another is the internal dynamic of a Cabinet decision on EMU that is necessarily followed by a referendum. For, in some circumstances, a referendum pledge actually helps the pro-EMU case - and not just because it helps to still the criticism that EMU entry is a constitutional outrage. It's much riskier to stage a damaging resignation from the Cabinet in protest at a decision to join EMU if you fear that a "yes" vote in a refer-

endum will all but finish you in politics. And the third, and perhaps most important, is the vexed question of how the business world jumps. Blair and Brown both believe that much of the business community are currently muted on the issue of the single currency because they do not want to get drawn into the electoral argument about EMU, either between Labour and the Tories, or the much fiercer one within the Tory party itself.

Correspondingly, and once the election is over, those industrialists in favour of EMU, so this argument goes, will become much more vociferous, whoever wins. And in driving the argument they may in turn start to dispel some of the fears about the economic disadvantages of monetary union. And the now firmly pro-EMU TUC will be standing by to rebut any charges on the left that monetary union is merely a rich man's conspiracy. Brown's hopes of entering in the first wave are anything but dead. And it is a sign of the strange times that British capitalism is now more likely to determine Labour's stance on monetary union than that of the Conservatives.

bility, secondly because if he didn't it might appear that he was sulking in his tent, and n Tuesday morning a man in a dark overcoat will leave thirdly because he was determined to accompany it with a land, take a train to clear pro-European message that first-wave EMU was not dead. In the 48 hours after Balls returned from Brussels on Heathrow and fly to Brussels. He will then drive to the Albert Borschette building, in the European Union's institutional heartland. Nobody will notice his arrival. He will blend easily 5 November, Brown and Blair agreed to go ahead, and Blair then let Robin Cook and John into the Brussels bureaucratic Prescott in on the secret. The bustle. And after a day-long original plan for Brown to go public at the CBI conference meeting he will head home, was abandoned because of the impending headlines about the European decision on working

talking to nobody on his way.

In his briefcase are plans for Europe's biggest revolution since the foundation of the EC. He is chairman of the European Monetary Committee, which is building the structural core of Economic and Monetary Union. Our visitor to Brussels is probably the most powerful civil servant in Europe today. He is Sir Nigel Wicks, a senior British Treasury official, who was one of Baroness Thatcher's favourite man-

When the Maastricht Treaty was signed in 1992, the European Monetary Committee was given the task of making economic and political preparations for EMU. One treasury official and one central bank official from each member state sits on the committee.

As British representative, Sir Nigel, director of international finance at the Treasury, made an excellent impression - so much so that he was elected chairman in 1993. He has since helped the committee make such good progress in building EMU that his colleagues have recently elected him as chair-

man for a second term. The paradox of Sir Nigel's position is self-evident. While British Euro-sceptics rail against the diktat of "unelected Eurocrats", here is an un-elected British civil servant playing the key role in preparing what, to them, will be the most federalist "diktats" of all.

It was Sir Nigel who in 1992, negotiated Britain's EMU optout at Maastricht, which makes it even more curious that today he spends so much time working for those who want to "opt in." At Tuesday's monetary committee meeting Sir Nigel will push for progress in a German-led plan for a so-called "stability pact", a key building-block for EMU, which will set out rules to be obeyed by countries who join. Critics have complained that if Britain signs the pact it will amount to the biggest transfer of sovereign powers in recent years.

For Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, having a key Treasury official as chairman of the committee that is building EMU is clearly invaluable. Britain, the chancellor would argue, must play a central role in preparing EMU so that the system works well, should a future government choose to join. The Chancellor has clearly begun to favour British entry in the first wave. However, given until Autumn 1997. by Sarah Helm



Sir Nigel Wicks has one ear tuned to Britain, but he also heads the committee planning Europe's single currency

the risk of Tory splits, having an agent of influence as chairman of the monetary committee helps Mr Clarke to pursue his

strategy in a more covert way. A key monetary committee compromise in June, over the issue of bringing Britain back inside the exchange rate mechanism, provides evidence that Sir Nigel may be helping the Chancellor to keep open the option of joining at the start. Inside the committee, other member states, led by Germany and France, were insisting that the Maastricht Treaty stipulates that Britain must be in the ERM for two years before the launch of EMU if it is to qualify to join on 1 January, 1999. The Chancellor disputed this reading of the treaty, knowing that it would corner him into rejoining the ERM soon. John Major, however, has said

Britain will not rejoin the ERM in this parliament Mr Clarke, therefore, faced the possibility that British membership would be impossible at the launch. It was Sir Nigel who brought forward a compromise formula, under which other countries agreed that no decision need be made on the issue

Sir Nigel is adept at switching hats, and never is that more tricky than on the occasion of European finance ministers' meetings in Brussels. Mr Clarke always travels to these

with Sir Nigel - in his role as senior civil servant - and the two enjoy a plate of moules and frites together in the Brussels
Grand Palace. But wearing his
Sir Nigel Wicks i chairman's hat at the finance meetings, Sir Nigel is not battling for British interests so much as for the interests of the majority of member states.

There are those who believe that this loval British official is enjoying his Brussels task so much that he has "gone native." Certainly, other Europeans are fulsome in their praise. "He is unanimously appreci-

ated" said a French official. The Germans are particularly supportive of Sir Nigel. "This is the most important committee of civil servants in Europe. Nigel is an excellent chairman. He is very fair. Very good at pulling things together," said a senior aide to Jürgen Stark, the German finance ministry hawk on the committee. "My feeling is, he is more supportive of EMU than the average Briton. He has huge influence. The main thing

is, he takes a a positive view ... [so] that the process moves

rward in a positive way. So what kind of man is it that can play this extraordinary dual role? Is he just the archetypal civil servant, able to serve any master? Is he not also aware that he is scoring winning goals

Sir Nigel Wicks is a very private man. Some civil servants say there is not much to know, except that he works "unusually ward ... Utterly grey." is another comment.

Aged 56, married with three sons, he was educated at Beckenham and Penge grammar school and Cambridge University. He worked at BP for 10 years before joining the Civil over whether Britain can ulti-

Guildford, and is said to like football, although nobody can recall whether he supports a particular team.

Sir Nigel has twice been seconded to top jobs at Number Ten, first when Labour was in office and Jim Callaghan was prime minister, and then, in 1985, as principal private sec-retary to Mrs Thatcher, Again, nobody knows which "team" he preferred. Both Callaghan and Thatcher valued his loyalty.

Sir Nigel appears to have dis-played his strongest anti-European colours during his time with Thatcher. "I don't recall him objecting in any way to the Bruges speech," said another of Thatcher's key aides, referring to her famous attack in 1988 on Euro federalism. "Like most of us he was sceptical about the ambitions of other Europeans. Today, many would say he is ensuring those European ambitions are realised on a scale / Thatcher would never have: dreamt of.

To experienced British diplomats the "Europeanising" of Sir Nigel does not come as a l mean he has become personally "pro-European." Rather, he has become caught up in the European process.

To certain kinds of brains -

the kind that like good-class chess or poker - the business of European decision making, of trade-offs and compromise, can be challenging. The real seduc-tion of Sir Nigel undoubtedly began when he started chairing the monetary committee. "He was titillated by it. He enjoyed the sense of power and the dance," says a former colleague. Stronger wills than Sir Nigel's have been drawn in by "the dance." After all, Thatcher herself was "seduced" into signing the Single Act, and giving in to more majority voting. "It was the signing of the single act which got us here. It was she who dunnit," said one British diplomat. Until now, Sir Nigel has been remarkably adept at finessing his dual role. In the second half of next year, as a Treasury official. Sir Nigel will advise whichever government wins the general election on whether to join EMU or not. hard." "Decent, straightfor- As chairman of the monetary committee he will, at the same time, have the task of directing the EU's joint decision on which countries qualify to enter EMU. The man who negotiated the "opt out", will, therefore, have a major influence Service in 1968. He lives near mately "opt in".

Imran Khan's baby boycott

Today, men rarely miss their children's birth. Sara Maitland ponders paternally correct behaviour

mran Khan didn't. And the fact sonably, the most interesting that he didn't made front-page thing in the world. Your partthat he didn't made front-page Didn't what?

Didn't attend the birth of his son. Brave man. He's supposed to. It's he new orthodoxy. Like any orthodoxy i is beyond rational discussion - it just iso. The claims have been extravagant - shorter and easier labours, healthis mothers and babies, improvements in the marital relationship and subsequent parenting". How odd, then, that wile paternal attendance at the birth ges on increasing, the breakdown in I filled in the deleted explem rital relationships of those with smill children also continues to be inceasing (It might also be mentioed that sociologists point out that the esearch on which claims about the suposed benefits of paternal attendane have been based depend on

curicus as to who made this the Golda Rulc.

Marbe it was mothers: they certainly like it. For one thing, labour is often itensely boring: they don't tell you thi in advance, but someone, amone to that to is a good thing. Also ocal will a more exciting case, you can keep your pattern glued to your side. He can lardly get excited about someone else; breath twins. When you are in labour your labour is, quite reading and usually not willing to co-oper-sive, and usually not willing to co-oper-sive. Swapped for an anent, some of these some and the many sue-able will occur.

There is another reason why mothers is another reason why mothers like it. At the risk of breaking female solidarity, I can confess that some of it is revenge. Punishment. A

anvone else.

"shay methodology".) have heard horror stories, both I'n not against it, myself; but I am about labour itself (you will be insane with pain, you will agree to anything) and about the weird

ner, once you have got him there, could hardly have the nerve to pretend otherwise. (Though actually mine did want: to go and watch the TV news in the middle of my first labour - Nixon was about to resign; it was even more exciting than triplets – but that was all right because I also wanted to. So did the mid-wife. We all adjourned to the empty father's room, and tives.) Anyway, the point is that having someone around is a real help: it probably doesn't have to be the father, but he is emotionally more bribable than Additionally most women have heard horror stories, both

interventions that obstetric staff are supposed to be eagerly poised to commit (you will be forcibly drugged, you will be left alone, strange experimental pro-cedures will be carried out on



No show. Imran Khan broke the Golden Rule

female plot, actually. Men hate pain: they dodge it like the plague and regress into infancy if they have a teeny-weeny cold. But once in labour we've got them bang-to-rights. "Why should he get off scot-free? That's what I say," said one unusually frank woman in an interview about why she wanted her husband with her (quotations in this article are from Fathers in the Politics of Maternity Care, ed Garcia, Kilpatrick and Richards, Clarendon, 1990).

Then there is the optimistic and exciting possibility that it will be great, and the mother genuinely doesn't want her beloved to miss such a treat. She wants to share and to show off.

Finally, she has been there promised that he's more likely to change nappies later if he's there. The research may be methodologically shaky, but anything is worth a go. Mid-wives like it too. One

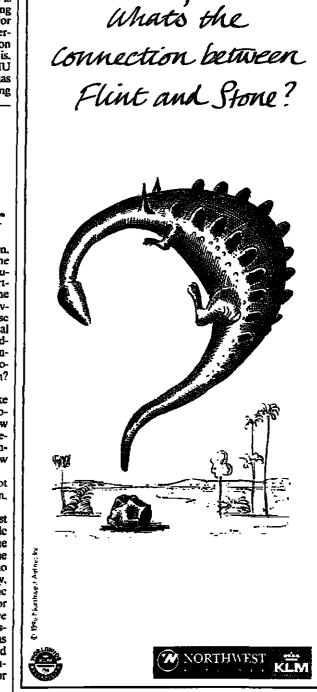
reason is that women behave better. "Labour wards used to

ing and deep spiritual communion, feels less pain? Quieter because she feels she can't disappoint the enthusiastic spouse, energetically support-ing her panting? Quieter because she can get regular attention without having to scream for it? Quieter because demands mediated through rational male-discourse feel "quieter" to hardpressed staff than in-between contraction appeals from exhausted, emotionally fraught and suffering women?

Men who have done it have to like it. They put peer pressure on the neophytes. Tough men brag about how they bore the upset of watching a Caesarean; new men advertise their sensitivity. How many other events allow a man to be tough and tender?

With all these pressures, it is not surprising that the trend, once begun. took hold so quickly. My husband did it, too. On the first

occasion, a difficult labour was made delightful by his support and wit. The second, a 15-minute scramble at home gave him no choice - it was him or no one. Both occasions gave me great joy, and I would not want to have done either of them without him. But for centuries happy, healthy babies have been born without their father's presence, and I sort of admire the Khans for resisting all these pressures and suiting themselves. After all, international sportsmen act as role models for



business & city BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER

PSBR surprise boosts scope for tax cuts

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

An unexpectedly big repayment of government debt last month has made it easier for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to justify the tax cuts firmly expected in next Tuesday's Budget.

A rebound in receipts from corporation tax and value added tax, which puzzled experts by their slow growth all last year, meant the Government's finances were in surplus during the mouth by twice as much as the City

The £4.4bn repayment of

requirement (PSBR) for the current financial year stands a good chance of hitting the £26,9bn Treasury forecast. However, it will not reach the £22 4bn predicted in last year's Even so, economists said

yesterday's favourable figure made Kenneth Clarke's task next week much easier. "He can have his cake and eat it. There will be tax cuts and a lower forecast for next year's PSBR in the Budget," said Mike Dicks, UK economist at the investment bank Lehman

City analysts expect a mindebt - the biggest October sur-plus on record - means the imum Budget giveaway worth around £1bn-£2bn and think

year - would be acceptable to the financial markets. Anything more generous would be likely to compel the Chancel-lor to increase interest rates more sharply than he would like ahead of the election.

"Expect good PSBR num-bers in the Budget next Tues-day, not large tax cuts," predicted analyst Simon Briscoe at Nikko Europe. But most economists

warned yesterday that signs of improvement in the public finances as the economy picks up do not really excuse any reductions in taxes. With a still-high level of

borrowing at what might prove to be the peak of the economic

public sector borrowing up to £3bn - the same as last cycle, surprises should be banked and not spent," said December. Kevin Darlington at brokers Hoare Greett.

The pick-up in growth is one explanation for a surge of 24 per cent in corporation tax receipts compared with a year ago, 20 per cent in VAT revenues and 31 per cent in excise duties. Total central government revenues were £28bn in October, 15.6 per cent up year on year and well ahead of the growth predicted in the Treasury's cautious sum-

However, the government's receipts were flattered by several special factors. The payments on account system for VAT brought some revenues

mer forecast.

forward from November and

payments in October are mainly paid by financial companies, and are expected to exceed the January payment from less profitable industrial and commercial companies. And advance corporation tax receipts were erratically high last month due to unusually high dividend pay-

ments during the summer.

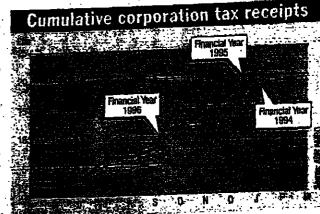
Privatisation receipts of £222m in October compared with a mere £50m last year.

The current financial year will bring a further £1.25bm from the sale of Ministry of Defence homes and the Housing Corporation's loan book.

Mainstream corporation tax spending, will help bring the close to its £260.2bn controltotal this financial year. Yesterday's figures showed that departmental spending is growing at an annual rate of 4 per cent, well above the 1.8 per cent Treasury target.

The cumulative borrowing total for the financial year so far was £11,4bn, down from £18.7on a year earlier. October was the first month that the underlying running total, excluding privatisations, has turned out significantly below

gilts market higher yesterday.



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MasterCard buys stake in Mondex

Jill Treanor Banking Correspondent

MasterCard International is buying a 51 per cent stake in Mondex, the "electronic purse" designed by NatWest, in a \$150m (£90m) deal which is expected to bring the cashless so-

ciety one step closer to reality.
"The days when Mondex will be deployed as a mass system are coming closer," said Michael Keegan, chief executive officer of Mondex. "It's a good day for a major British invention."

He predicted that Hong Kong, where a pilot scheme started three weeks ago has already signed up 20,000 cus-tomers, will be the first part of the world where electronic

Mondex's first pilot scheme land own the franchise for Mondex in the UK and 25 per cent of their customer base -13,000 people – are signed up to the pilot scheme in the town. NatWest and Midland are two of a total of 17 banks that own the remaining 49 per cent shareholding in Mondex.

Customers are given a "smart" card which carries money electronically which they download from their bank accounts. Unlike debit cards, customers do not have to sign receipts when the card is used. It only takes a few seconds for the retailer to take money off the customer's card.

up at the universities of Exeter and York and David Mills. general manager of retail banking at Midland and chairman of

MasterCard is paying \$150m for the 51 per cent stake in Mondex but its value will increase as royalties, will also be forthcoming from the use of the pioneering technology designed and owned by Mondex.

Mondex has designed the "chip techology" which is widely expected to replace the mag-netic strips currently used on the debit and credit cards in Britain and much of the rest of the MasterCard is now commit-

ted to using that technology in the 370 million credit and debit cards in circulation world-wide and as part of the deal has agreed not to invest in any other "electronic purse" initiatives. All MasterCard's 23,000

member institutions will be enbegan in Swindon, Wiltshire, in July 1995. NatWest and Mid-it is that potential distribution network which will bring the boost to Mondex.

"Over the last several years Mastercard realised chip technology was coming and will ultimately dominate the future of payments," said Henry Mundt. executive vice-president of MasterCard.

Ultimately, this technology will allow card issuers to lump together credit, debit and cash, all on one card. The card will also be able to incorporate loyalty programs, such as the one operated by Tesco, and data

Mr Keegan expects Mondex's technology to be on Mas-Pilot schemes have been set terCards issued in the UK in

But, emerging economies may receive the techonology first. The emerging economies projects to be set up across
Britain in the next few months.



Good times, bad times: As the Queen's press secretary, Charles Anson has had to deal with some of the severest crises in the Monarchy's history

Charles Anson, The Queen's press secretary, is leaving Buckingham Palace after six-and-a-half years to represent the virtues of Burger King, writes John

director for Grand Metropolitan in February. The British company owns a host of international consumer brands, including Burger King, Haagen-Dazs and

The 52-year-old has had to deal with some of the severest crises in the Monarchy's history, but he denies that he is go-ing to Grand Met for a quiet life. "I think I'll be just as busy at Grand Met." Asked whether representing Burger King would be easier or harder than batting for the Palace, he said: "Any job which

is interesting is going to be demanding. The suave former diplomat also denies there will be any culture shock mov-

The Queen's PR man Comparing the Monarchy and Grand Met, he said: "While the two institutions are completely different, the job with The fillcock. He becomes corporate relations in crowned Burger King Grand Met is a British company with a very international portfolio of brands." John McGrath, chief executive at Grand Met, said: "Charles Anson will

ing from the Palace to Grand Met. "I of business interests in Edinburgh, while spent three years as spokesman for Kleinwort Benson before I became The Queen's spokesman," he said.

Prior to that, Mr Anson was a member of the British Diplomatic Service from 1966 to 1987. His latest move will take him to Grand Met's head office in Henrietta Place in London's West End, where he will report to David Tagg, group services director.

He follows previous Royal spokesmen into the private sector. Michel Shea went to Hanson Trust, and now has a range

Ronald Allison went to Thames TV in

Mr Anson will be succeeded at the Palace by his Australian deputy, Geoffrey Crawford. Mr Anson's years as The Queen's spokesman have been busy. They included the reduction in the civil list, the opening of Buckingham Palace to the public and numerous Royal vis-

"My present job has been extremely demanding in many ways, and often very positive ways. I will be sorry to leave."

Queen is a very international one, and Grand Met is a British company with a

Grand Met, said: "Charles Anson will bring... very considerable experience and expertise in international government offairs and communications. We are delighted that someone of his calibre has elected to join us."

Meanwhile a leading City figure, Lord Camoys, is to succeed the Earl of Airlie as Lord Chamberlain and Head of the Royal Household. Lord Camoys, 56, played a leading part in creating BZW, the investment bank subsidiary of Barclays Bank. He is still a non-executive deputy chairman of BZW and deputy chairman of Sotheby's.

market is now sufficiently lib-

eralised. The FCC has already

had a complaint from AT&T.

the largest phone company in the US, about BT's dominance

of the local residential market.

gest he was opposed in princi-

ple to BT making international

acquisitions. He told MPs: "It's

a great credit to BT and the UK's regulatory regime that we have a company which is man-agerially and financially able to

enter into such a transaction."

ber of regulatory authorities

who have to look at this trans-

action is very large indeed."

However, he said: "The num-

Mr Cruickshank did not sug-

Byatt to leave **NatWest Markets**

Banking Correspondent

Roger Byatt, the banker who led an attempt in the spring to oust Sir Alistair Morton as cochairman of Eurotunnel, is leaving NatWest Markets as part of a restructuring of its investment banking activities.

Mr Byatt, 56, was in charge of financing for large companies at NatWest, which was a leading force behind the original plans to build the Channel Tunnel.

As one of four agent banks acting as a co-ordinator for the 225 strong bank lending syndi-cates, Nat West was one of the influential organisations in the debt restructuring talks which were concluded last month.

The announcement yesterday that Mr Byatt would retire in March 1997 means that that the two senior executives at NatWest who were involved with Eurotumnel will have relinguished full-time roles. John Melbourn, the main board director who was closely linked to the Euronanel saga, gave up his position as deputy group chief executive last month. He remains on the NatWest board.

nounced by Martin Owen, chief executive of NatWest Markets's, at a meeting of senior manence centre in Heythrop Park, ment changes.

Mr Owen said: "Roger Byatt has played an instrumental role in the successful creation of Nat West Markets and I am personally grateful for the enor-

mous support he has given me." Mr Owen announced the appointment of Peter Hall, currently deputy chief executive and head of NatWest Markets North America, to the new position of chief operating officer of Nat West Markets in London.

"Peter will be charged with implementing our operational plan, leaving me more time to work with the global products heads," Mr Owen said.

Michael Allsop, senior managing director and global head of specialised finance, is re-placing Mr Hall, while Phi Wise, senior managing direct of of capital markets, takes on the role of chief administrative ficer with responsibility for risk operations and technology

Mr Owen also gave serior roles to Konrad "Chip" Kriger and Gary Holloway who joiner the bank as a result of its merg er with Greenwich, the U bond trading firm bought by th bank this year.

Mr Kruger is to come London to become co-chief e ecutive with Mr Holloway, wh will remain in the US, of a n

Oftel chief hints at BT controls Mattel drives off with Matchbox manufacturer once it had converted itself into an Anglo-US company munications munications Commission (FCC), that the British phone

New York

wheels, following a buy-out deal announced yesterday between Mattel, the maker of the ubiquitous fashion doll. and its much smaller counterpart in the toy industry, Tyco, whose products include Matchbox, the brand of miniature cars that has been a tux-chest chairman of Mattel.

Geometric for decades.

Mattel, based in El Segundo,

Mattel, which carlier this

\$755m (£453m). Already approved by the boards of both companies, the deal gives shareholders an impressive 78 per cent premium on stock held in New Jersey-based Tyco.

potential for Tyco's well-known brands will be fully realised through this merger with Mattel." said John Amerman,

California, was thwarted earlier year failed to acquire its archival in the US, Hasbro, confirmed that it was snatching Tyco

Canada an archival this year after making an unsoluted \$5.2bn bid for Hasbro.

Hasbro fought the approach

furiously, eventually forcing Mattel to withdraw from the fight last February. Analysts had long expected it, however, to divert its attention elsewhere in its efforts to consolidate its position in the industry.

Among Mattel's best-known

products, aside from Barbie, are Cabbage Patch Kids dolls, Fisher-Price pre-school toys, Hot Wheels and several Disneyfranchised products. In early trading in New York

yesterday, shares in Tyco had risen \$4.5 to \$11.5. Shares in Mattel were down slightly at

Charis Godsmark Business Correspondent

British Telecom was faced last night with the likelihood of new regulatory hurdles before it can complete its £13bn takeover of MCI, the US longdistance carrier. Don Cruickshank, the tele-

communications regulator, gave his clearest signal yet that he will seek new controls over BT's UK operations to safeguard investment and service standards for British consumers.

Speaking before the Com-mons Public Accounts Select Committee, Mr Cruickshank gave a glowing view of BT's transformation from a state-

owned monopoly to a global contender capable of mounting the UK's biggest takeover. However, he warned that he was concerned that after the deal went through, BT would still provide enough cash to give UK. customers a fair deal.

There are certain issues I intend to be satisfied on before I give my blessing," he said of the ongoing investigations by his of-fice. Oftel, into the deal. "My test of that is that the company... will be able to continue to invest so that the UK consumer has a world-class service." Mr Cruickshank said anoth-

er concern he had raised was his ability to continue to get information about BT's activities

with offices on both sides of the this with BT and possibly proposing licence amendments to secure that," he said. Mr Cruickshank said his main concern was for the esti-

with average or below-average phone bills who were dependent on BT for their phone service. His comments add to the owing regulatory pressure on T, which has already admitted

it is likely to take a year to get the tie-up with MCI approved. The biggest hurdle the company faces is convincing the US watchdog, the Federal Com-

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Northern directors set for £100,000 profit

Michael Harrison

Two directors at Northern Electric will reap a £100,000 profit from executive share options issued just three months ago if CalEnergy's £766m bid succeeds, it emerged yesterday.

Several regional electricity companies have abandoned share option schemes in the face of shareholder unhappiness and criticisms from the Greenbury committee.

But in its defence document against the hostile US bid. Northern discloses that its chief executive, Tony Hadfield, and fi-

were granted 95,000 option caercisable at 521p in Augus Mr Hadfield received 57,42 new options which are showing a £62,600 profit at CalEnery's offer price of 630p, while for Edwards stands to make hearly £42,000 on his 38,387 otions. The defence documer main-

tains that CalEnergy spid un-dervalues Northern. Invill add to its defence soon when it produces its half-year replies and a forecast for gearing which is expected to show it as more scope to increase future dividend payments,

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remain modest. If the chaps in the City think only £2bn is on the cards, then £3bn will look both generous and affordable at the

same time

Missing millions save Clarke in the nick of time

It looks like the Chancellor's back is in again.

After months and months of disappointing figures on the state of the Conservative with sustainable reductions in spending. ing figures on the state of the Government's finances, the ones published yesterday just a week ahead of the Budget were not simply good, but good enough to set the borrowing requirement back on track to meet its target for the year. Last year's missing millions" in tax revenues have reappeared

in the nick of time.

In line with Mr Clarke's statements of prudence about the scope for tax cuts, the Treasury is careful to point out that some of the reasons for the surge in tax revenues in October were one-off. The Government is keen to make sure expectations of next week's giveaway remain modest. If the chaps in the City think only £2bn is on the cards, then £3bn will look both generous and affordable at the same time.

Quite a number of Conservative MPs would like bigger tax cuts so as to put more "blue water" between the Government and Opposition, and put Labour on the spot over reversing them if it wins the election. But from an economic perspective, such action would be pure folly. Mr Clarke should not be thinking about any net reduction in taxes at all, so bad is the underlying state of the Government's finances.

During his three-and-a-half years as Chan-cellor, the PSBR has certainly fallen very steeply, but given that this has also been a

in spending.

The fact that the public finances are likely to improve significantly during the months before the election, thanks to the effect of the fast pace of economic growth on tax revenues, should not be allowed to obscure the long-term trend. Mr Clarke sometimes takes pride in his lack of interest in technical detail, but he is well able to tell the difference between a cyclical improvement and an underlying structural problem. Lowering taxes by any amount next week will be a cynical act which either he or his successor is going to have to reverse after the election.

A cyclical fall in the Government's borrowing requirement would give any new Labour Government a short breathing space. But the unlucky Labour Chancellor would eventually have to sort out the mess he inherited from Lucky Ken.

PDFM's radical bet has not paid off

Agreat deal has already been written and said about PDFM's radical bet against the markets over the past 18 months. It none the less seems worth returning to the issue in the light of the most recent quarterly survey of pooled pension fund performance just published by CAPs. This could scarcely be period of sustained economic recovery, not by as much as it should have done. Over the the list of 69 companies surveyed.

Perhaps more worrying still, the effect of PDFM's dramatic bet on a stock market crash has been to wipe out all the years of steady overperformance previously enjoyed by clients. On a rolling five-year view with a cut-off date of September 1995, PDFM was ranked 17th, or virtually top quartile. Factor in the latest year and PDFM plum-mets down the league table to 44th. On a two, three, or four-year view, relative performance is even worse. In a single year, then, PDFM, has given back all the outperformance of previous years.

For the time being PDFM, and its Swiss masters, UBS, are keeping their nerve. There is no question of a change in strategy or of heads rolling, both of them insist. And indeed things could change very rapidly, even without the stock market crash the house has bet its name on PDFM's underperformance is only partly caused by its over-weight position in cash and index linked gilts. It is also to do with stock selection and here the news is rather more encouraging. Quite a number of stocks PDFM's value-based method of stock selection have identified. such as British Gas, have picked up considerably over the past couple of months.

On the whole, however, clients are going to be looking at these figures with growing concern. This is not because there is anything wrong with the PDFM house view; PDFM

egy. In the year to the end of September, makes a compelling case for why US equi-PDFM's performance comes out bottom of ties are far too high, which many people would share. It is more to do with the fact that PDFM's extremely poor performance this year may be indicative of an unacceptably high degree of risk taking. That may have worked in favour of clients up until 18 months ago but now it is working badly

against them. Pension funds like to be close to or above the median in terms of performance. What the PDFM experience demonstrates is that outperformance requires a degree of risk which as likely as not is eventually going to result in underperformance. Many clients will be wondering why they don't just stick to trackers, for it is not just PDFM which is plummeting down the league tables right now. Other previous high flyers such as Mer-cury and Morgan Grenfell, have also fallen precipitously over the past year.

Cashless society will benefit the banks

Beware bankers promising wonderful To-morrow's World gadgets that will change our financial lives for the better. There's usually an ulterior motive, and with the Mondex electronic purse, it is an obvious one.

Banknotes still make up 71 per cent of all financial transactions, by number. But they cost an awful lot of money to move around own Mastercard are so great that they'l and count, they are insecure and they wear up bribing us to use it if they have to.

out. No wonder banks have put so much effort into finding a nice, tidy electronic alternative. It's self interest, whatever the marketing chaps say about the enormous benefits for customers. The electronic purse is the favoured answer, and Mondex, a Nat West invention, appears to have the edge

among competing technologies.

Mondex allows you to deduct money from your bank account over the telephone or from a teller machine and load it, in the form of electronic data rather than paper. onto a highly secure computer chip. From the chip it can be transferred through a walthe chip it can be transferred through a wal-let-like gadget to other people's cards, just like handing over cash to make a payment. More commonly, the electronic cash will be downloaded directly into a shop's till.

But what is in it for the bank customer. since cash is so cheap and easy to use? The answer is, not much. There are advantages for travellers, since Mondex can operate in five different currencies at any one time. But the real beneficiaries of a wholesale switch away from cash are banks and retailers.

The problem is getting sufficient critical mass - a large enough number of users to make these novel payment methods worthwhile. That is why the arrival of a worldwide credit card company as majority shareholder in Mondex is such a significant development. The advantages of a cashless society for the large number of banks that own Mastercard are so great that they'll end

Fritz celebrates as shares in Telekom soar

Champagne corks popped, 100 suspended their distrust of the young men in striped shirts stock exchange and signed up surged forward, and the number everyone in Germany had been guessing at for the past six months flashed up on the screen of Frankfurt's stock exchange. At DM33.20 (£13.25) a share, Europe's biggest flotation had got off to a good start.

of Deutsche Bank, which led the spectable as betting slips. consortium preparing the state-

ping up this success. Nearly 2 million Germans o were persuaded to have a Sutter on Deutsche Telekom So had a lot to celebrate. By registering with the telephone mo. man of Germany's stock nopoly's information forum, they had been able to buy up to 300 shares for DM28 each, and yesterday could collect a DM1,600 profit on their investment.

But the hoped-for bonanza did not quite materialise. Too many ordinary Germans had had been five times over-sub-scribed, and had to be rationed. Even the austere Frankfurt

of the past, and persuade Germans that stocks were not just the playthings of irresponsible "A wonderful day for gamblers and speculators. Ever Telekom, for the stock exchange since the crash of 1929, which and for German finance," wiped out the middle class,

If Fritz - Sid's German owned telephone monopoly's alent - comes away happy from partial privatisation. Theo his first foray into the Borse, the Waigel, the finance minister, was frozen Frankfurt market, where also grinning from ear to ear as most shares are held by instihe waded into the mêlée, lap- tutions and never traded, might be dragged into the second half of the century.

"This moment is a milestone in the development of the market," said Werner Seifert, chairexchanges.

"This is a decisive contribution to strengthening the equity culture among private investors in Germany.

Some DM100m had been spent to put them into the mood - the largest advertising campaign for the largest share issue, which netted DM20bn for for Deutsche Telekom. Shares the company in exchange for 26

But the gains should be large stock exchange had had a faceenough to lay to rest the ghosts lift for the day, enveloped in of the past, and persuade Ger-Telekom's trademark pink bunting. Fireworks launched the issue

in New York, where the shares Telekom, for the stock exchange since the crash of 1929, which irraded briskly on their first day, and for German finance, wiped out the middle class, and there will be even more oozed Hilmar Kopper, the head shares have been about as redisnessed Telekomato shares were allocated to the German market, and the rest sold abroad.

> On the first day of trading, about 30 million shares changed hands, suggesting that quite a few punters had no long-term ambitions to participate in the share-owning democracy. Many investment analysts are worried about the long-term outlook for Deutsche Telekom, and had advised shareholders to dump their stock at the first opportunity.



A fine first day: About 30 million shares changed hands at Frankfurt stock exchange

Amid all the euphoria, the no account of the company's Association of Small Investors massive debt of DM100bn, its even issued a warning that ossified work force and its inthe share price would eventu- ability to compete in a market ally collapse, because it takes that will be thrown open in

1998. After the advertising blitz, the loudest message now ringing in investors' ears is: "Get out while the going is

good." ITN plans £5m charge to clinch

ITV deal

Mathew Horsman Media Editor

ITN, the makers of News At Ten, are to take a restructuring charge of £5m next year to meet the costs of a sharply lower contract for the provision of news to the ITV network.

The charge, which will be made against 1997 earnings, will be paid partly by the ITV companies themselves, as a condition of a new five-year contract that has now been agreed in draft form between ITV and ITN insiders insist that no

obs are in danger in 1997, and

that any restructuring costs

would be linked, at least initially, to the introduction of new technology. The company currently employs 700 people. According to documents outlining the draft agreement, the ITV news service will cost £54m in 1997, dropping to £42m in 1998. Thereafter, the contract calls for increases in line with the rate of inflation. The sharing of the restructur-

ing costs, with ITV paying £3m, reflects the fact that several ITV companies are both customers and shareholders The new deal follows months

of uncertainty, during which ITN had to see off the threat of a competing news service from BSkyB, Rupert Murdoch's satellite television service, and persistent worries over the company's ownership structure.

BSkyB had offered to provide a news service to ITV for just £30m, compared to this year's price from ITN of £57m.

British Gas in new price row

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

British Gas is facing another wave of criticism from rival suppliers over allegations that the company is manipulating the gas market to alleviate is potentially huge losses from its socalled take-or-pay contracts.

Several rival firms are preparing submissions for the industry watchdog, Ofgas, which are likely to claim that the recent increase in gas prices has been partly caused by British Gas's activities in the fuel market.

Ofgas is investigating the claims and has asked industry members for their comments. The head of one gas supply firm said yesterday that his submis-sion would insist that the rise in prices went far beyond any normal operation of the market.

"It wasn't just the fact that prices went up - it was the unbemused because the fundamentals haven't changed. In theory there should still be a big oversupply of gas."

Gas prices have risen by some 60 per cent since earlier this year. Despite a brief pause over the past few weeks, the latest spot price data suggests they are climbing again.
The price for December de-

livery is 15.5p a therm, compared with prices of as low as 9p earlier this year. For delivery in the new year the price has shot up and demand.

A British G to more than 18p a therm.

At least one independent supplier has had to raise the prices it charges to consumers in the trials of domestic competition under way in the Southwest and due to start from February in parts of the south of England.

It has emerged that Calortex. the joint venture between Calor and Texaco, put its prices up from the beginning of the month. It means the price cut compared with British Gas's charges has narrowed by around 5 percentage points, though the company claims its tariffs are still up to 20 per cent lower. Neil Lambert, the firm's joint

general manager, said: "The spot price of gas has gone up by 60 per cent since we announced our prices in February."

The increase in spot prices is benefiting British Gas, which is burdened by its £40bn worth of take-or-pay contracts, priced precedented severity of the in- at around 20p a therm. The this level, the lower the company's losses.

One allegation by the indenendents has been that British Gas has used its huge buying power in the markets through its trading arm, Accord Energy, to keep the spot price of gas artificially high. Another charge is that British Gas has restricted production from its Morecambe Bay field to change the relationship between supply

A British Gas spokesman denied the allegations.

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• Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday parried fierce criticisms of the role of the Bank of England in the Barings affair, made by Diane Abbot and Brian Sedgemore, two Labour MPs on the Commons Treasury select committee. He told a committee hearing that the matter had been dealt with fully by the Board of Banking Supervision report on Barings. Mr George said the Bank had increased its scrutiny of financial markets at home and ahroad since the collapse. Asked by Barry Legge, Conservative, about the future of independent merchant banks in the City. Mr George said that the wave of recent bids would "not necessarily lead to a 100 per cent takeover of independent institutions"

 The Association of British Insurers said it was concerned at talk that Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke intends to lift insurance premium tax from 2.5 per cent to 6 per cent to ruise around £1bn. Any increase could lead to policyholders abandoning their life cover, the industry body warned. ABI director general Mark Boleat described the tax as "both oppressive and regressive". He said IPT was originally introduced to compensale for the absence of VAT on insurance premiums, though Treasury figures now show charging VAT would raise less than IPT.

MMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vnitton, the French handbags ing it an irrevocable right" to purchase 58.75 per cent of DFS Group from its two majority shareholders, the Feeney and Parker groups, subject to certain conditions. "Each of the parties to this contact intend to comply with all of its obligations," LVMH said in response to a report on Friday that US company Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co was considering a rival bid for control of DFS.

 Pearson is negotiating to buy a stake in two leading South African newspapers, Business Day and the weekly Financial Mail. News of the talks with current owners Times Media follows months of speculation that Pearson was eyeing the South African publications. Industry sources said the two companies planned to hive off TML's business publications into a new, jointly-controlled company. Control of TML's parent, Johnnies Industrial Corporation, passed to a black business group in September after it acquired a 35 per cent stake.

 Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu International, the global accounting and consulting practice, reported revenues up 9.5 per cent to a record total of \$6.5bn (£3.89bn). The UK arm - known as Deloitte & Touche - saw income up 8.5 per cent at £400.8m.

 Poor management caused more than 4,000 company insolvencies in the UK last year - as many as at the height of the recession, according to the sixth annual survey by the Society of Practitioners solvency and Jardine Insolvency Insurance, In a further 10,000 management controls and decisions were significant factors in corporate collapses.

 Stagecoach yesterday gave a further boost to the British bus building industry with an order worth up to £77m for next year. The group has placed a firm order for 625 new buses worth £57m, with secured options over a further 250. The chassis will be built by Volvo, Mercedes and Dennis, part of Mayflower Corporation. T he vehicles will be built in the UK, except the Mercedes chassis.

Thorn results prompt shares to slide by 10%

Patrick Tooher

Shares in Thorn fell by 10 per cent yesterday in adverse to reaction to the electrical retailer's first set of results since demerging from its more glamorous former partner, the music publishing giant EMI.

Analysts out back their foreasts after Thom made cautious noises about the outlook on both sides of the Atlantic. "The warning about US trading and the UK cost over-

runs came out of the blue," said Nick Bubb, retail analyst at Mees Pierson. "It is a dull company that cannot afford to

tisappoint."
Mike Metcalf, Thorn's chief executive, said the market remained highly competitive in most of its key markets including the US and it faced delays several states over its rental-

He also revealed a higher than expected £33m provision taken to cover the collapse of retailer which had taken on more than 230 leases from Thorn's Rumbelows chain.

Some 180 of these leases, mostly in poorly located high street sites, reverted to Thorn when Escom folded. Thorn is still looking to sell the shops. Thorn's shares closed just off their day's low, down 34p at

summer demerger from EMI. Mr Metcalf blamed Thorn's poor stock market performance partly on womes about litigation in the US. He said the company would contest any damages award from lawsuits it faces in

in making cost efficiencies in purchase sales system, though he was unable to estimate what level of provisions may be required

In the six months to Septem-Escom, the German computer ber, Thorn made pre-tax profits of £87m, versus £79m a year earlier, before the exceptional costs of the Escom leases. The maiden interim dividend is 3.5p.

Thorn's main business is hirepurchase deals on electrical goods such as televisions and video recorders mainly sold in the UK under its flagship Radio Rentals chain. 313.5p, their lowest level since the

It also opened 16 more of its new downmarket Crazy George stores during the period, bringing their total to 47. Recently Thorn has expanded into selfing furniture and personal computers and plans to enter the car rental market in the US.

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Patrick Tooher

Shareholders in Lontho yesterday approved the sale of its Metropole hotels business amid indications that the European Commission would begin an inquiry this week which could force South Africa's Anglo-American Corporation to sell its . 26 per cent stake in the conglomerate.

The commission's concerns centre on reduced competition in the supply of platinum if Lonrho is deemed to have significant influence on Lonrho's mining operations.

The investigation will look into allegations that Anglo's stake may give it sole control over Lourho and tighten its grip

where Anglo is already the biggest player. If the arrangement is ruled

Metropole hotel sale approved

monopolistic, the commission could order Anglo to sell some or all of its holding in Lonrho. In April, the commission blocked a £400m merger of Lourho's platinum mines with those of South Africa's Gencor, which would have created a platinum rival equal to Anglo.

The development came as Lonrho said investors representing around 54 per cent of its ordinary shares supported the £327m sale to the five hotels to rival hotelier Stakis. Investors holding just under 1 per cent of Lonrho voted against.

Before the extraordinary gen-

on the world platinum market, eral meeting called to approve the Metropole deal, Lontho founder Tiny Rowland again attacked Dieter Bock, Lonrho's former chief executive.

Last month Mr Bock exercised an option to sell his entire 18.3 per cent stake to Johannesburg-based Anglo for £257m and become non-executive deputy chairman. But Mr Rowland has criticised the deal, arguing Mr Bock still has an interest in Lontho.

Mr Rowland said: "It is a clear conflict of interest for Mr Bock to remain on the board where his knowledge of the company's affairs will help him bargain with Lonrho."

Lonrho denies any secret deal with Mr Bock.

What's the connection between Grand Forke and Sheffield?

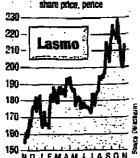
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British Gas injects activity into lethargic market

Energy shares managed to inject a little activity into a lacklustre stock market, again weighed down by concerns over the Budget.

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British Gas was the catalyst for the energy display. The shares jumped 19.5p to 223.5p, the highest since June, as the long-running rumour of a takeover bid from the Shell oil giant was dusted down and given sudden prominence.

The market has grown in-creasingly convinced that Shell, as well as British Petroleum. are casting around for major acquisitions. Besides British Gas, the two generators, Na-tional Power and PowerGen, have in recent weeks been put forward as likely victims of the

ambitions of the oil giants.

BP gained 5p to 675p and Shell 10.5p to 996.5p. National Power rose 8.5p to 453.5p and PowerGen 8p to 573p. ScottishPower joined in,

Most oils were firm. Lasmo put on 5p to 213.5p as Pannure Gordon drew attention to the group's attractions and predicted the shares would top

300p by the end of next year. Lasmo has the distinction of beating off a takeover assault from Enterprise Oil. It is still looked upon as a bid candidate. with a US strike thought likely to emerge.

Hopes the remaining elec-tricity distributors will soon be engulfed in corporate action lifted London Electricity 10.5p to 636.5p and Yorkshire Electricity 11p to 746.5p.

British Energy, figures on

Thursday, was squeezed 2.5p higher to a 126p peak. Elsewhere activity was inhibited not only by the Budget but by growing uncertainty over interest rates and the problems the strength of ster-



mostly in retreat.

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

stock market reporter of the year

Footsie could muster only a 3.9-points gain to 3,962.1 with second and third-line stocks

Cookson, the industrial materials group, fell 10p to 226.5p as the rumoured bid - Friday's hot tip - failed to materialise.

BT fell 6.5p to 364.5p, overshadowed by first-time dealings

in Deutsche Telekom. Profit warnings undermined sentiment. Forward, a maker printed circuit boards, crashed 149.5p to 132p; Meltek, a computer support group, slumped 25p to 72.5p; and Colleagues, a recruitment

gains on the back of the PSBR 52.5p despite the promise of a maintained final dividend. Although the accompanying trad-ing statement was subdued, it was a cross of 770,000 shares at 50p which created the hes-itancy. Publisher Rushmere Wynne shaded 0.25p to 2p fol-

lowing a warning of a 10-month £100,000 loss. Vangnard Medica jumped 55p to 565p as the SmithKline Beecham giant confirmed plans to market its migraine drug. Toad, the vehicle securities group, advanced 7.5p to 87.5p; it has won two contracts which could push the fledgling group close to break-even.
WS Atkins, an engineering consultant, reached its highest

since its July flotation. It has achieved the contract to be project manager of the first phase of an electronic components plant in South Wales. Sold at 215p, the shares gained 26p to 348.5p.

Jefferson Smurfit, the packaging and paper group, added 2.5p. to 166.5p as Salomon Brothers said buy. The shares are down 27-per cent from their peak, hit two years ago, and Salomon says the company has an impressive track record of buying undervalued and earnings-enhancing assets; it has never built a new paper ma-

House of Fraser continued to attract bid speculation, up 5.5p to 157p. Hambros, the merchant bank which has seen off vulture fund Regent Pacif-ic, gained 12p to 247.5p as favourable comment from Barclays de Zoete Wedd mingled

Provend, the vending ma-

chine group, made a lively de-but, briefly trailing its placing price but ending with a 7.5p gain at 132.5p. Ockham's decision to float its stockbroking arm. Wise Speke, left the insurance group

2.5p down at 82.5p.

Bluebird, the toy maker, was enlivened by the \$755m US toys merger between Mattel and Tyco Toys. The prospect of more toy deals in the run-up to Christmas was enough to lift Bluebird 13.5p to 180p. The shares, however, have had a dismal run, falling from 357p earlier this year.

Fibernet, rolling out a national network linking computers with faxes, telephones and viders, edged forward 2p to 124.5p after reporting a £328,000 profit. Stockbroker Greig Middleton expects a loss of £1.9m this year with a surge into profits of £10.4m in the following year.

Taking Stock

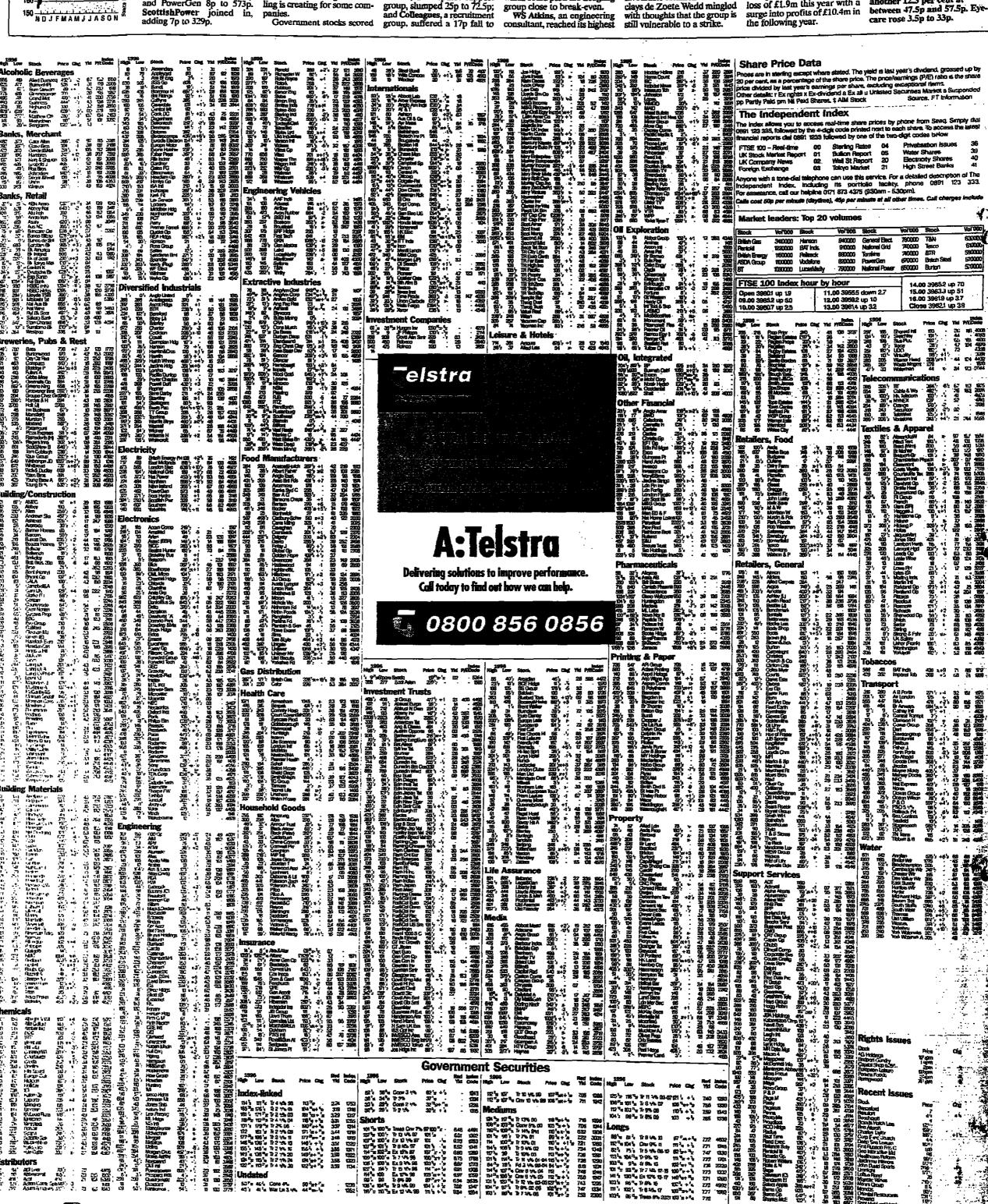
☐Emerald Energy stuck at 2.5p. It has, through an institutional placing by stock-broker WH Ireland, raised £7.5m and stands to get a further 64.3m from a placing

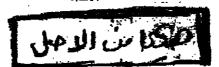
and open offer The cash is needed to develop oil projects in Columbia. Dr Keith Hewitt, leading the Colombian charge, has enjoyed remarkable success in the areas Emerald is exploring. It is said the projects each have the potential of I billion barrels of oil.

DEvecure Products, a spectacles maker, has formed a company with Lantis, a US

group, which involves the marketing of the high profile Donna Karan range.

Lantis is paying 37.5p for a 15 per cent stake in Eyecare and has an option to bay another 12.3 per cent at between 47.5p and 57.5p. Eye-





Shares plunge on warning from Forward

Magnus Grimond

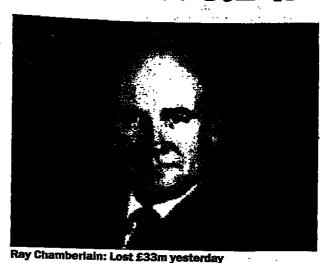
Ray chamberlain, chairman of Foreyard Group, saw nearly fill a wiped off his personal net worth yesterday after shares in his once fast-growing electronics company crashed following a surprise profits warning. Forward, one of Europe's biggest makers of printed circuit

boards, said a sudden fall-off in demand for its products and higher costs meant that it would effectively only break-even in the second half. The news represents a sudden shift into reverse for a group which combined its warning with news of tripled profits in the first half. The shares accordingly plunged from 281.5p to 132p yesterday.

Mr Chamberlain, who saw his 40 per cent stake in the company collapse in value from £61.7m to £28.9m, was putting a brave face on his problems. In a statement, he announced a 25 per cent uplift in the interim dividend to ip and reported "encouraging prospects for 1997" following a series of meetings with key customers. Along with encouraging forecasts for the European printed circuit board industry, "I remain confident that 1997 will proves be a successful year for Forward Group," he said.

But brokers said that pre-tax profess which soared from £2.01m to £6.21m in the six months to July are the last the group is likely to see this year. Previous full-year forecasts had been for around double that level. Orders, normally run on a four- to six-week cycle, have slumped in October and November, as manufacturers, caught out a year ago by overestimating the expected demand for chips and boards, appear to be shortening their stocks.

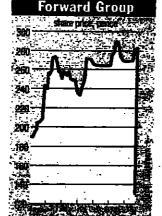
Meanwhile, Forward's aggressive expansion policy is expected to run up £1m in exceptional costs as the three ac-



the business. Gearing, 35 per cent at the year end, has already moved up to around 50 per cent and Forward warned that it was

above previous expectations.

Derrick Bumpsteed, chief executive, echoed his chairman's optimism. Things were looking good until the final quarter, when we started to go through a destocking period I think it's going to run across the yearend period, going through to the



quisitions made so far this year back end of January. There is no are integrated with the rest of question in meetings with customers that things are looking good for next year."

Mr Bumpsteed blamed overoptimism amongst customers last year, particularly the personal computer industry, which saw its market fall off going into 1996 and is only now recovering. Although around 45 per cent of Forward's sales go to the tele-coms market, with defence. photocopiers and the like also more important, the personal computer market tends to set the trend, Mr Bumpsteed said. The underlying growth rate of 8 per cent was "still there and still

strong", he added. Stephen Williams of brokers Williams de Broe has halved his forecast for the current year to £6.25m, rising to above £10m in 1997/98. He said most of the damage had occurred in the high volume end of Forward's business, mainly Exacta Circuits, acquired last year, and Forward Circuits. He said the news shocked the market, but he suggested the orders could start coming back in December as customers geared up for next

Thorn demerger may not pay off

Demergers, the fashionable thing to do these days with unfashionable old conglomerates, are meant to unlock and enhance hidden shareholder value. That's not immediately apparent in the case of Thorn EMI.

Some £70m was spent on fees and an inordinate amount of senior management time was spent on the minutage of unbundling the EMI music business from Thorn's rental activities, yet the stock market has given both a cool reception.

Upon demerger, Thorn EMI's Shares stood at £18.33; today the sum of the parts is worth less than £16, replotes of potent resenting a £1bn loss in stock market value in just three months. Thorn has 408p, the shares have been in virtual free-fall, partly due to worries about US litigation. They dropped a further 34p yesterday to 313.5p as Thorn warned on a sudden downturn in its US rentals business and start any delays in rentals business and start-up delays in the UK. It also unveiled a £32.9m oneoff charge for 180 stores that reverted to Thorn when the German computer retailer Escom collapsed.

Thorn charges customers an annual interest rate of up to 30 per cent for renting a television or video, but its chief executive, Michael Metcalf, claims its rentals business is less ex-

posed to the vagaries of the economic cycle than its retail peers.

That's certainly evident in the UK, where booming high street retail sales have not fed through to the flagship Radio Rentals chair or the more despend dio Rentals chain or the more downmarket Crazy George concept.

UK operating profits fell by more than £1m to £34.4m, though the shortfall was blamed on the cost of rolling out Crazy George, which is aimed at the estimated one in four households in the UK earning less than £10,000 a vear. Return on sales was also lower due to the delayed start-up of Thornlink, a new national call centre handling customer inquiries which won't be on stream until next autumn.

Why the US Rent-A-Center business has suddenly fallen off a cliff is less clear. True, major consumer electronics retailers there are seeing significant like-for-like sales declines, but Thorn, as Mr Metcalf insists, is meant to be relatively immune from that sort of thing. Whatever the reason, US store sales are expected to show a "modest decline" over the full year after a "disappointing three months to Septem-

Mees Pierson has cut its 1997 forecast for pre-exceptional profits by £12m to £180m, and shaved £18m off its 1998 number to £192m, putting the shares on a prospective PE ratio of 11. The lesson from yesterday's share

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Thorn: at a glance

Market value: £1.36on, stare price 313.50

price collapse is that fundamentally dull companies cannot afford to spring nasty surprises on shareholders. With double-digit earnings growth rates fast becoming a memory, the discount rating to the market is more than deserved.

lots of potential

been particularly hard hit. Offered at Dick Oster, the cigar-chomping former American football player, has had plenty of opportunities to voice his ebullient optimism in the five years since he started dragging Cookson back from the brink of oblivion. For a man of his temperament, the past six months at the electronics, ceramics and plastics group must have been extremely trying.
Since April, when the shares traded

at 327p, it has been downhill all the way with a slump in the US electronics mar-ket clobbering Cookson's flagship op-eration which makes circuit board that proudly trumpeted plans to double profits in three years and triple them in Cookson, with the electronics slow-

New business in first half

Trading record

five, the recent 5 per cent increase at the interim stage was a washout.

It was hardly surprising, when the shares bottomed out at 208.5p recently. that takeover speculation should bubble up in a frenzy of gossip that brought Siemens, BBA, Charter, and even joint venture partner Johnson Matthey into the frame. No surprise terialise yesterday morning, the shares should fall 10p to 226.5p.

Cookson managed during 1995 to decouple itself from the out-of-favour conglomerates it most closely recommendate is biotechnology.

conglomerates it most closely resem-bled, but 1996 has seen it clumped in with the likes of Hanson and BTR again. That is slightly unfair, given the strength of some of its companies. Like BTR and Hanson, it runs a broad portfolio of businesses, but, unlike its peers, it tends to operate in areas of high potential growth. The circuit board business has been hit by destocking, but it remains fundamentally attractive with computer chips finding themselves in a bewildering and manufacturing machines. For a company growing array of consumer products. There are ongoing problems at

1995

1996

down coinciding with a deteriorating cash position. Gearing has breached the previous ceiling of 40 per cent and a new 50-60 per cent range has been introduced. On the basis of forecast profits this year of £171m and £200m next time, the shares trade on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 13 falling to 11. At that level the good businesses in Cookson receive scant recognition and the shares are good value.

Celsis builds up

is not a biotechnology company, but a maker of bacteriological testing kits which use technology derived from fre-flies. As a result, the shares have tended to be bypassed in the excitement over the biotech sector. But blame for their 25 per cent underperformance against the rest of the market this year looks better directed at a steady trickle share sales by two of the founder directors, Chris Evans and John Morris.

Their apparent diffidence about the company looks odd, given the prospects. Yesterday's announcement pre-tax losses cut from £2.99m to £2.7m in the six months to September was less important in itself than in what it heralded. In contrast to most biotech companies, sales are already starting to build rapidly and the latest six months have been marked by three developments which should more than maintain the momentum.

Last year's link-up with Unilever offshoot Lever Industrial has delivered its first sales, with 400 deliveries of the systemSURE dirt-monitoring device since its launch in May. Meanwhile, sales of kits for screening end products from cosmetics to food, already up from 60 to 160 in the half year, are set to get a big leg-up from the partnership with Millipore, a big US filtration and microbial testing company, announced six months ago. Already five more multinational groups have been signed up and the

eventual market is put at £600m. Finally, September's £11.2m acquisition of Lumac, a Dutch rival, has broadened the group's position in the food industry and gives Celsis a state-of-the-art production facility.

The £7.8m in net cash on the balance sheet should see the group through to first profits in the 1997/98 year, while previous worries about competition seem to be dispelled by the confidence displayed by the big groups willing to team up with Celsis. At 103.5p, 3.5p above the 1993 float price, the shares

IN BRIEF

 Hanson's construction materials subsidiary ARC is to merge its Midlands hardstone quarrying and asphalt manufacturing operations with businesses belonging to Tarmac. The new com-pany will be an equal partnership. Tarmac is putting in assets worth £30m. whilst ARC's asset contribution is £8m. ARC is to pay Tarmac £15m as a cash adjustment. The new venture, to be called Midland Quarry Products, will start trading in mid-December.

Shares in 600 Group fell by more than 6 per cent or 17p to ; 249 p despite the announcement of what the company called another successful half year. Sales from the machine tools businews continuing operations increased 5 per cent and profits before pension credits and payments rose from £3m to £5.1m. Michael Wright, chairman, said new products, especially its Alpha electronic lathe, were continuing to win market share.

 Geest said yesterday it had signed a memorandum of under-standing to enter a five-year supply agreement with Albert Heijn, the Dutch supermarket group. The deal covers a range of short shelflife chilled foods. Albert Heijn is a subsidiary of Royal Ahold, the third-largest food retailer in the world. It has 27 per cent of the Dutch gracery market with 646 supermarkets and annual sales of £4bn. Goest, which recently pulled out of its banana businesses, is a leading manufacturer of short shelf-life chilled foods in the UK.

 Shares in Toad, founded by multi-millionaire bioscience ty-coon Chris Evans, jumped 9 per cent yesterday to 87.5p after the company announced two new contracts. One is to supply contract hire and leasing company PHH with the security needs for its 335,000 vehicle fleet; the other is an installation contract with Ford Cellular Systems, Ford's cellular phone subsidiary. The two deals could be worth around £4m in turnover and are expected to push the group close to break-even.

Jarvis Porter bullish despite profits slide to £6m

Destocking by the spirits industry led to a 10 per cent reduction in Jarvis Porter's sales of labels to drinks manufacturers in the six months to August, contributing to a slide in underlying group profits from £7.3m to £6.1m. Despite the fall, Jarvis's shares closed 10p high-er at 212.5p as the market fo-

dividend and a bullish assessment of second-half prospects from the chairman, Paul Jarvis. Speaking after the annonncement of the figures, Mr Jarvis said: "Over the last six

months we have started to implement our World Class Strategy with a series of initiatives attacking our cost base, reorganising our businesses and investing in the future growth of er at 212.5p as the market fo- Jarvis Porter. The second half nesses with production cused on a 9 per cent rise in the of the year has started more reorganised and staff split into

strongly, following the mixed trading conditions of the first and the benefits of our initiatives will start to flow through in the next financial year."

Following the acquisition two years ago of Donprint, a Scottish manufacturer of product identification labels for the likes of IBM and Compaq, Tarvis has embarked on a massive restructuring of its busi-

dedicated "cells" serving individual clients such as Unilever and SmithKline Beecham.

The change has involved a retraining programme, new computer systems and physical reorganisation of machinery in a bid to offer a "seamless" service to big multinational customers in the toiletries and pharmaceuticals industries.

After the cost of the reoranisation, profits emerged at £5.1m, with earnings per share

sliding from 10.2p to 7.1p. Mr Jarvis said a rise in the interim payout from 2.15p to 2.35p reflected confidence in future earnings growth and the fact that net debt of £6.5m was only marginally higher than a year earlier, representing gearing of

only 23 per cent. Apart from the downturn in spirits labels, there was a slowdustry at a time when invest-

ment was stepped up to provide capacity for projected expan-sion. That offset good demand from home and personal care customers.

trading had improved since September, with deliveries to drinks customers rising closer to the levels originally budgeted for. The computer and elecdown in sales growth to the tronics industry was also recomputer and electronics in- turning to a faster rate of growth.

Wise Speke plans float to attract staff

Banking Correspondent

Wise Speke, the Newcastle-based stockbroker and fund manager, is preparing the way for a toplevel recruitment campaign with plans for a £15m stock market flotation. The firm said it hoped this would make it easier to attract senior professionals.

Fund managers typically ex-pect their remuneration packages to include a stake in the company. However, Wise Speke has not been able to include such incentives in its pay awards because it is 100 per cent owned by Ockham Holdings, which is primarily associated with a Lloyd's of London insurance business.

"I have been very impressed by the quality of management in Wise Speke and I believe that the business can do even better under the stimulus of the proposed public ownership and status," said David Poole, chairman of Wise Speke and chief executive of Ockham.

We also believe that, by being listed, the management of

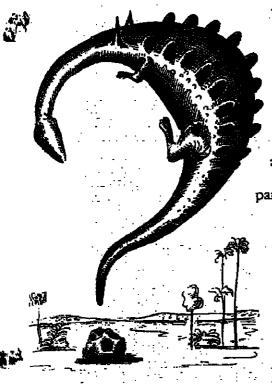
Wise Speke will have far greater ability to attract new entrants to build the business," he added. Ockham intends to keep a 60

per cent stake in Wise Speke, which manages £2.1bn of money for 19,000 clients.

For the year ending December 1996, Wise Speke is fore-casting a profit before exceptions and tax of not less than £2.25m. (F) - Final (I) - Intervin "current pretax figure is pre-ex (proforms)

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EMU will force businesses to become more efficient

So it looks as though there will be a referendum on the service participation in the single currency, whichever party wins power at the next election. But during the inevitable debate, expect most of the comment to be at a macroeconomic level - what will hap-pen to interest rates, growth, inflation and so on - just as it

In fact, there is a decent case to be made that the main impact on the European economy of EMU, if it happens, will not be at a macro level but at a micro level. The change will not be so much in interest rates or government policy, but in company behaviour.

This is an argument which is being made in particular by the UBS economics team in Loudon, and it seems a convincing one. The starting point is that there is not a lot of leeway available to national governments in setting monetary policy, or increasingly fiscal policy. So the monetary policy imposed by the European Central Bank, and the fiscal policy determined by the stability pact now being ne-goriated, will be pretty much the standard orthodoxy required by the financial markets. A common currency, however, will force convergence in other ways, for example in pension provision. It would not be possible for one country to carry on with pensions paid largely on a pay-as-you-go basis, if other members of the currency union had funded schemes, a point which has great implications for stock markets in continental

So macro-economic convergence will force convergency in the size and structure of share markets. But what about industrial structure? I became aware of another implication of the single currency in conversation with a director of a large continental food firm last week. This company prices its products differently in different markets. It tends to manufacture locally and, in countries where costs are higher, charges more



Hamish McRae

The European economy will come to look much more like

the American one, with even small companies seeking to sell their products to

for its goods. The fact that this is not the most efficient method of manufacture is compensated by the fact that exchange exposure is limited. In theory the company could presumably cover itself against shifts on the exchanges but in practice local manufacture is a convenient way of so doing. In any case, the company can get away with it: while there are different currencies these differences in prices are not apparent.

Were there to be a single currency, not only would exchange rate risk be eliminated: any pricing differences would become immediately apparent. One macro effect would be to force convergence in VAT rates; the micro equivalent would be a rapid harmonisation in prices and an almost equally rapid shift in production to the low-

companies did not harmonise would tackle many of the unprices then arbitrage would do derlying problems of the busi-so; and the convergence of ness. The quality of service prices would mean that they could no longer "carry" high-cost plants by imposing higher prices on those markets.

Now in a general sense this point is appreciated by the policy-makers, for one of the arguments in favour of EMU is that it will encourage economic convergence. But there is not much evidence that they appreciate this will mean factory closures in the high-cost loca-tions and/or a general rise in the price levels in low-cost ones.

This last point was put by a colleague to the chief executive of another large European food group: would joining the single currency mean a rise in the general level of UK prices? The response was a guarded

one - according to my colleague a lot of shilly-shallying and the implicit acknowledgement that UK prices for this group's products would rise towards conti-nental levels, but no clear answer. That might be understandable under the circumstances, but my colleague was distinctly underwhelmed. So there are two potential micro shifts – the shift of con-

tinental European financial systems to the equity culture, and the harmonisation of prices, or at least the prices at which producers sell their goods wholesale, across Europe. If the latter were to result in rises in the British price level, I'm not sure whether that would count as a micro or a macro effect in economic terms, but it would certainly be

pretty macro in political terms. But the overwhelming balance of probability is that, even if the project goes ahead, the UK will not be part of it. Will these micro effects still happen in the UK?

I think the answer is yes, be-cause in the world of finance the anticipation of an event is almost as important as the event itself. Think back to privatisation: be-fore a nationalised industry was est-cost production centres. If privatised the management

started to improve, overmanning started to be reduced. In management terms the preparation for privatisation gave the spurchange started to happen before

the actual share sale. It is reasonable to expect a similar process to occur with regard to EMU. You can see this happening in fiscal policy: governments doing what they know they should have done years ago to correct their deficits. Now expect it to start happening at a company level: companies improving the efficiency of their European plants, taking the decisions they know they should have taken and which they are now spurred to do.

The result will be a more efficient and a more specialised Europe. This will affect the "outs" as well as the "ins", be-cause the business community will work on the assumption that the outs may join later. This will have two main effects: the European economy will bene-fit from the drive to increase efficiency; but the social costs of this harmonisation of the European economy will be large.

Most important of all, the European economy will come to look much more like the American one, with even small companies seeking to sell their products to the wider market. But countering this will be political unrest, as more jobs are seen to go to low-cost countries.

Arguably that would help the UK as it is, by European standards, a relatively low-cost producer. But that would further intensify the concern in other countries about this cost advantage and increase the efforts by other countries to ensure that Britain does not have an "unfair" advantage from these lower costs. The single curren-cy will force politicians to confront the costs as well as the benefits of economies becoming more specialised, costs which will show up particular-ly in the form of changing employment - and unemployment.

Blood on the carpets as 'Attila? the Brum' takes BZW by storm

When Birmingham-raised Bill Harrison arrived at BZW from Robert Fleming in September some people jokily dubbed him "Artila the Brum" in the hope that he would weld the various cultures within the investment bank

into a more cohesive whole. Some blood letting was implied in the title. Few BZW insiders, however, anticipated that the soubriquet would

become so apt.
The carpets of the bank are fairly drenched in the blood of senior staff, while last week the bank sacked 33 people from its back office, sales,

trading and secretarial staff. Various other descriptions of Mr Harrison are currently doing the rounds among the shell shocked troops at BZW, none of them suitable for a

Those jolly pranksters at Crédit Lyonnais Laing have produced an amusing Budget spoof in the shape of a newspaper, The Laing Times - 30p. The headline on the front page reads: "CL Laing EXCLU-SIVE: Ken goes for a 'p'." The headline refers to

Laing'n Bang's Budget predic-tion that the Chancellor Ken Clarke will cut the basic rate of income tax by 1p to 23p m a bid to win the election. Sadly, we were unable to

bring you a suitable illustra-tion of this story. Nat West may be the UK leader in small business lending with 28 per cent of the market, but it also seems to have more than its fair share

of house restorers. For instance, Ian Peters, head of Small Business Services at NatWest for two and a half years, is handing over the reins to Peter Ibbetsen on 2 December.

Mr Peters and Mr Ibbetson are both martyrs to their historic houses. Mr Peters spends most of his free time doing up his large pile in the Sussex Downs. Mr Ibbetson is similarly immersed in restoring his 400-year-old thatched cottage in the village of

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PEOPLE & BUSINESS



Branch lines: Barry Gamble, who keeps railways leaf-free

Shambrook, near Bedford.
Mr Ibbeston, 40, is also a trustee for Cherish, a charity dedicated to preserving the structure of his local church, although he says the money he lavishes on his conage "has made it feel like a charity for the last few months". Mr Ibbetson is that rare breed, an investment banker

going into the retail variety. He's spent the last eight years in the Aerospace department

at NatWest Markets advising the European Commission. He has, however, over 22 years with NatWest Group.

Dame Sheila Masters, a council member at the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICA), has led the charge for women at the male-dominated bean counters' professional body for many years. Now she Has competition. Teresa Graham may not

have been elected to the bean counters' council yet, thoughshe has made a good start & chairman of the Workplace 2000 initiative. Workplace 2000 was founded by the ICA in response to a demand from its women members to provide them with information and advice on workplace issues, not least how to break

the "glass ceiling". Ms Graham qualifier with Price Waterhouse in 1 to 7 nd is a former chairman of the London Society of Chartered Accountants. Her appointment should liven up the ICA's fusty offices in Moorgate.

Fountain Forestry is going for an AIM listing in December. The forestry management company run by Barry Gamble, chairman and chief executive, has made a name for itself by clearing tree branches near railway lines. which can create the notorious "leaves on the line" problem.

One snag occurs to me. National Tree Week begins: on the 23 November. So the tree huggers will be out in force just when Mr Gamble will be tramping round insti-tutions seeking funding.

A Fountain Forestry spokesman is quick to dispel the notion of the company as an enemy of trees. "It's a very green company. They trim the branches but they don't imperil the existence of the trees." That's all right then.

You may have though 121 & Smith & Williamson was just a boring little accountagry firm near the BBC in Physiand Place, London. In fact, it has been involved in investment management for 70 years, and has grown to such an extent that it has need to poach Charles Lindsell from Prudential Portfolio Managers to

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head up its securities side. There's just one cloud on the horizon, however, Last month the firm won the Accountancy Age award for Medium Sized Firm of the Year, a sure kiss of death:

John Willcock

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Blunt answer to turf's questions of justice

The Tattersalls Committee, about half a dozen men in late middle-age, returned from lunch shortly after two o clock. Thinning on top and expanding elsewhere, well-groomed and well-fed, they appeared about as objectionable as a party of seas injection and as a party of se-nice citizens on a trip to the clost. It was a little surprising, decrefore, to hear them collectively described, not 10 minutes later, as "an abomination".

But then, the Tatts Committee is as close as betting on the horses gets to a judge and jury, and few things stir the emotions quite like a courtroom drama. British law has long insisted that bets are a matter of honour between bookie and punter, and refused to become involved in claims for debts. The only recourse for either side is Tattersalls Committee, an anonymous collection of upstanding individuals who have passed judge-ment on betting disputes since

the early years of the century. Their first case yesterday was Robarts versus Purcell, punter against bookmaker in pursuit of £11,974.21 in unpaid winnings, and it offered a perfect example of the shortcomings of the present disputes procedure. a case you have to lodge a non-

Greg Wood finds the system for settling for business even if the Committee eventually decides that betting disputes still unsatisfactory

pinstripe suit and a nervous air, is a substantial punter who was attracted to Sonny Purcell's credit firm, SP Racing, both by the generous rate of betting tax (three per cent) and Purcell's willingness to lay early "tissue" prices on all races. Their relationship was untroubled while Robarts was losing, but it started to deteriorate in August, when he successfully backed Flying Legend (7-2) and Carranita (13-2) to win at Newmarket in singles of £1,000 and £500 respectively, with a £250 double for good measure. He is still awaiting payment.

Robarts was required to pay £750 to have his case heard by the Committee yesterday, the payment being just one of the factors which prompted Michael Singer, in attendance on behalf of the National Association for the Protection of permit. Punters, to subject the process to sustained and bitter criticism. "It's an abomination," he said. "They meet in secret; to present

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Charles Robarts, sporting a returnable deposit, you are not allowed legal representation and there are no legal means to enforce their ruling. Where s the natural justice in that?"

Yesterday's hearing was adjourned until 17 December, because Purcell claimed that he was not liable for the debt as he is not a director of the compamy concerned. Whatever the eventual outcome, the deficiencies of the system remain clear. The Tatts Committee plays every role from juror through to executioner, but at this final stage it wields an axe which is pitifully blunt.

Those found guilty of de-faulting on a gambling debt will almost inevitably be "warned off", which in the case of a punter means that they cannot own or train horses or visit a racecourse, while an on-course bookmaker will lose his betting

An off-course bookie, however, can continue to trade, and is not legally required to settle his debt. The SP Racing betting shop in Harrow will still be open

its parent company has welched on a large winning bet. A disgruntled punter can oppose the renewal of a betting shop's licence in the local magistrates' court but, according to Singer, there has never been a single recorded case when a punter successfully blocked a licence as a result of unpaid debts, and they might also incur substan-

tial costs themselves.' In the Committee's defence, Peter Bartlett, its assistant secretary, pointed out that "we simply make a judgement on a bet, and issue an order against, say, a bookmaker. It's then up to the nunter to decide what he wants to do, whether he wants to op-pose their licence, and I would have thought that it has happened many times."
Charles Robarts may yet see

his money, though he will need to wait until mid-December at least. Sonny Purcell was reluctant to comment as he left yesterday's hearing, other than to insist that he is "an honourable man". Robarts' response was simple: "He's got an opportumity to prove that he is. He can

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RACING'S FUTURES MARKE

Bookmakers' ante-post lists are racing's futures market. Read-

ers can catch up with the latest developments - best prices are bold - in this sphere with *The Independent*'s Tuesday service.

Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup Handicap Chase: The Grey Monk is a top-priced 3-1 with Coral – William Hill go 2-1 – after his

ncile success at Ayr on Saturday, while Challenger Dn Luc is

12-1 (Coral) - William Hill go 7-1 - after winning the Mur-

phy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham the same day. Belmont King

Hennesy Cognac Gold Cup H'cap Chase (3m 2f 110yds)

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LEADING TRAINEES WITH EUNNERS: Mrs M Reveley - 46 winners from 163 runners gives a success ratio of 28,2% and a loss to a 51 level stake of 512,08; G Richards - 27 winners, 111 runners, 24,3%, -56,64; D Richards - 17 winners, 52 runners, 22,7%, +512,10; FluxGerald - 15 winners, 83 runners, 18,1%, +57,53.

LEADING JOCKETS: P Niven - 43 winners, 167 rides, 25,7%, 49,41; L Wyer - 38 vinners, 164 rides, 23,2%, 45,16,30; A Magnire - 21 winners, 89 rides, 23,6%, +538,16; A Dobbia - 15 winners, 81 rides, 16,5%, 510,29.

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Abulit and HURRICANE LAMP, both smart bumper winners, make their hurding bows here and the tazer, filedy to have a firrest advantage – he comes from David Nicholson's stable – new have the edge. Abulit was the better bumper horse of the pair, landing his first two starts but term and winding up with a bro-length second of 24 behind Wither Or Which in Chrittenham's Festival Bumper and Jimmy FitzGeraid's jumping recruits are always well schooled. But so are Nicholson's, and humane Lamp, half-brother to useful hurdier/chaser Martin's Lamp, come horse an impressive winner first time up at Sandown in February. Howas, soft of 22 to Marching Marques on the same track the following month on his only other run. Galers should do best of the rest. Mary Reveley's runner has expensive on his side, houng sinched fourth, at 21 tengins, behind Advance East on his hurding debut at Hurshock hou weeks ago – his first bruing ance March.

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A dual annung hundler in 1995-96, BARONET made a bright start to his fending career when coming home by sevan lengths at Kempton (3m) two weeks ago. The stu-year-old will be even better with that experience under his belt and is one to follow. Cellide Glant, as his name suggests, has the right build for the major obstacles. He wan at Ayr in April on the sat of three hundle notes in 1995-96, going all out to master Spaceage Gold a medi. Baronet, one of the Lacountes for that event, was in third place and staying on only to fad three flights out. Cellic Glant will wan a prefer contest in due counts though this note might be needed. Crows Equienty made a successful debut over simber at Heydock last term, and made the flight. In three of his four subsequent starts. Well bedeed on his fencing debut, at Ayr on Satridia, he subsided in the fencing debut, at Ayr on Satridia, he subsided on his fencing debut, at Ayr on Count Burery may be the one to cause Buronet most trouble. Rye Crossing will be the better for his chacing debut, third behind Raronet's Stablesmale, Potter's Bay, here this month, Howert Johnson's Inch accusion, River Unseltion, even two

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FORM GUIDE
MYOUROWN won three times on the Flat this year for Paddy Burle's yard, the latest an 3-nuner handlesp at Recommon five weeks ago. The selection, now in Howard Johnson's are, could do well over timber and is fancied for a successful debut. Jacksone Park looks he threat, having finished an eight-length numer-up to the useful Belator here this month, in Eastarby's charge, a winner on the level at Catterick in March, also made his debut at as tack last month, being eased once beaton when thraining a 21-length fifth of a big field eight, Ludky Ben inith and Propolat eight, Ludky Ben inith and Propolat levind Lagan, with Eric's Best sich, Arrogant Heir eight, Ludky Ben inith and Propolat swer 15th. Prelude To Rume the only one with winning hurding form in the field of 18, planed his victory at SedgyReid in September but he finished four places and 17 lengths be- ind Jackson Park in Bellator's race here. Lucky Bea, who scored on the Fiel at Nesicestie in May, was a couple of lengths up but beginning to the when he lief at the finial flight in lient Guest's race at Gosforth Park two weeks ago. Selections ONYOUROWN
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•	2	4F100-2	CLAY COUNTY (31) (CD) (The County Set) M Hammond 11,	11.7R Gerriti
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4 GT.447 MARIE MISSION (ST4) (D) (6 E Stoulet) Feedback 9 10 8 ________ M Dayler 5 4157-55 CIMBRIAN CHALLENGE (17) (CD) (Curbone Industries Ltd) T Essenby 7 10 7 ___ 1 Wyer 6 Minimum weight: 10st 70. True handless weight: Cambrian Challenge 10st 50.
BETTING: 9-4 Minitr, 5-2 Sound Reveille, 3-1 Clay County, 11-2 Combrian Challenge, 6-1 Notice

With question marks against most of these, it could pay to follow CLAY COUNTY, even if he is a fittle past his best. Mickly Hammond's 11-year-old has a fine winning record over the years, including a course and distance victory in his novice days als seasons ago when his single defeat in its stans were a second to Deep Sensation at Nothingham. Clay County wern, in at Haydock last season and will be all the better for his opening Kempton secty werk in at Haydock last season and will be all the better for his opening Nampton second to Super Tectics. Thet winner clipped the course record that day, so it was not a bad
effort on Clay Country's part to finish a 10-length runner up — conceding the winner 33to
(including the riting allowance). Naith finished a long way in front of Clay Country when both
finished umplaced behind Arctic Rinsman at Aimtee on Grand National day but the selection, normally a safe jumper, blundered five out and was eased when basten. Naith old not
show much last season, including when blinkered for the first time at Punchestown last
term and, despite a change of stables, did not take a lot of interest when fourth of five to
Absalom's Lody at Exister on his remain. Naithe Missalom are Sousad Revealle are both useful on their day but have not been out for 574 days and 210 days respectively, and it might
be left to Cumbrien Challenge to provide most danger. Cumbrien Challenge has won three
times over fences here and will be lit after two hurdle races this season, the last of which
he was carrying 12st.

[2,10] LAMBSON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3m

1	3.10	LAMBSON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3m 1f Penalty Value £3,599
1		#FFEEE (30) (D) (1 M Monte) P Bowen 9 12 0 R Johnson
:	2/15-1	SOURIDS STRONG (23) (CD) (Mrs Devid Thompson) D Nicholson 7 11 12
3	583211	ASTINGS (FI) (198) (N A A Farrell) J Riz Gerald S 11.7
ŧ	101165	SEVEN TOWERS (8) (D) (Ms E A Murray) Mis M Reveloy 7 11 6
ŧ		FRONT LINE (207) (J P McManus) J J OTALE 9 11 4
ŧ		LIE DETECTOR (11) (& Mrs Raymond Ancieson Green) C Parley 8 10 9
7		EAST HOUSTON (5) (D) (Highgreen Partnership) J) O'Nell 7 10 5
E	P03F487	BOAD BY THE SIVER (567) (I P M McDonegh Ltd) P Cheesbrough 8 10 2 A S South
9	5P5545-	SNOOK PORT (220) (C) (I D Jordon) D Lamb 9 10 0
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Minimum veight: 10st 7tb. True heralting veight Shook Point Set 8tb. BETTING: 5-4 Sounds Strong, 5-1 Authops, 6-1 Seven Towers, 7-1 Houston, 12-1 He Detector, 20-1 others eers, 7-1 (Seec., 8-1 Front Line, 10-1 East

SOUNDS STRONG, who best Preerise Girl more than two lengths on his fencing debut at Chekenham a year ago, was challenging when he tell two out in My Main Marr's noe at Every in April. Devid Nicholson's charge was making his first appearance since when defeating McGregor The Third six lengths over course and distance on his naturn and is poised for a follow-up off a 7th higher rating. McGregor The Third had won both preceding races and took the Cheltenfrain cross-country race for the second time on Sunday, Astings landed his final two races of 1995-96, at Perth in April and at Ultimeter the following month. He has not been out since but has gone in first time up in the past. Even so, Seven Towers might prove Sounds Strong's toughest hal. Many Reveley's runner landed four of his six chases last term: - two nowce events and two handicaps - stumbing and falling early at Newcastle in Manch on his final run. The Roselfer seven-year-old was reving his first race since when unplaced to Persone Boy at Cerliste eight days ago and will strip fitter today. If fee, six withs last season, made a successful return at Worcester in September but finished relied of light time and mise name tends.

tailed off last time and migra prefer feater ground. 3.40 W CLEFORD WATTS CONDITIONALS HANDICAP HURDLE

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1	02021-4	THURSDAY HIGHE (13) (D) (R Haggier) J ProSecut 5 12 0	X &
2	5224-43	DALLY BOY (18) (TH Secret) T Easterby 4 11 12	(1) Appendigh (1)
3	1248-31	RESCARS BANQUET (11) (D) (E H Ruddock) P Besumont (6 11 11	B CARRELLINE (CA)
4	1221P-4	RMLITSA (17) (Methody Racing Bureau 25) M Hammond 4 11 8	R Burns (10)
5	4/U23F3	AMOTHER VENTURE (213) (Retrait Wheeler) F Murphy 6 10 13	F Bogle (10)
6	00221-0	JOYRDER (23) (The Joyednes) Mass M ARRESON 5 10 11	D Parker
7	000211-	BARTON HEIGHTS (227) (D) Dales C.) Reines Nas M Reveloy 4 10 10.	M Harrington (10)
8	4555-1	DESERT FORCE (14) (G Ferral A Streeter 7 10 10	
9	10150/1	THE LIFE (19) Chicason Racinal C Thomson 5 10 9	,N Horrocks (10)
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FORM CUIDE DALLY BOY, a consistent type, landed a nowce event at Newcestie and ran well in the mainvests must, a consistent type, terrore a nonce event as newcastle and ran was at the ma-jority of his seven other starts lest term. Tim Essenby's charge was a remore fourth to Moke A Stand at Stradorf lest month on his reappearance but he ran a great deal better in flu-shing third, at two lengths, behind Burnt imp (winner since) over course and discarded at the beginning of the month. He will be fit now and can return to the winners sendour. Therealize lighth will be straighter for his consistent furnity hands "Haustone" has use ungraving on use increase, he was do set now and can require to use warrant a unconsistent fluorating Night will be straighter for his opening fourth behind Che-Yo at. Heydook two weeks ago — his first expressance since he went in sit Ayr (notice) in April. Beginns Bau-quest won his first two races last season, both bumpers, and ran well in most of his hunde races. That here behind Keen To The Last on his return, he heat Papering a length and a notified between 11 days are the season. half at Hautam 1.1 days ago — the pair 20 lengths clear — and will trouble the best of these. Relition, who institud a placing in front of Beggans Basquet when both Frished unplaced to Penny A Day at Kelso in March, will be straigher for its fourth to Exemplar at Kelso this month and can also figure.

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O00500 COOL FRE (31) (C) 5 Woods 3 B 10 ______ J Quies 1 504011 THAN MORNMEN (7) (C) P Harts 3 B 10 _____ C D MIRMS 6 560056 WEET-A-MINUTE (10) R Hodinaheed 3 B 10 ___ F Lynch (3) 12 51 TWO TO TANGO (17) J Conten 3 B 8 _____ A McGlame 9 12:20 Calumbella 12:50 Comedy River 1:20 Cellich Star 1:50 Thai Moming 2:20 Mon Bruce 2:50 Passage Creeping 3.20 Father Dan 3.50 Greatest GOING: Standard. STALLS; Im — counde; rest — inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE; Low best in sprints. I Equinack surface; low best in sprints. I Counte is SE of town on 38028. Lingfield station (served by London, Victoria) adjoins counte. ADMISSION: Members E13. Parmly Enclosure 53. CAR PARE: Clab S3; remainder free. 71 190 to invest par J contact of a second 2.20 ARTHUR BRADLEY RETIREMENT MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 7f (AW) (3.50). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Double Bush (12.50), Thei Morning (1.50) & Zahran (3.20) won here on Thursday, Aranal 3.20) & Smithercess (3.50) won here on Thursday, Hoosprints (1.20) won here on Priday. 1.20) won here on Priday. 1.00 won here on Priday. 1.00 No DISTANCE EUNIERS: Hever Golf Magic (2.20). Tissue Office, (2.20). Tissue Office, (2.20) have been sent 270 milos by M Johnston from Middlebann, North Yorkshire. 12.20 MARK MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) £4,400 added 3YO 1m (AW) 524003 ROYAL ACTION (27) J Banks 9 0... NOVAL ACTION (27) | Davies 9 U. CATLAMBLIA (LO) (89) | Gooden 89 | EFFICACIOUS (12) A MOTE 8 9 | NOZIMIENA (12) W Davy 8 9 | LACAMBOONA (26) P Cheople Hamm 8 9 RASK (607 T (27) Loof Authorigation 8 9 | SCHERMA (80) W Janes 8 9 | SCHERMA (80) W Janes 8 9 | - 8 declared - - 8 declared 2.50 MARK MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV E) £4,400 added 3YO 1m (AW) 3-20500 CORRENT UP (18) J His, 89 ______ D Roberts (5) | 3-20500 CORRENT UP (18) J His, 89 _____ D Roberts (5) | 526240 PASSAGE CREEPING (87) (87) S Dow 89 ___ S Sandam 8 E OOS4 QUESTING STOR (12) G Wang 89 _____ A Clerk 5 | 052 THE FURATIVE (12) P Morrel 8 9 _____ J Quinn 8 | R Sandam 8 | SETTING: 2-1 Lacandons, 3-1 Schema, 7-2 Catombella, 6-1 Royal Ac-tion, Rash Sift, 7-1 Karimians, 20-1 others 12.50 PESETA HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV I) £2,950 added 1m 2f (AW) 3.20 PESETA HANDICAP (CLASS F) (DIV II) £2,950 added 1m 2f (AW) - 13 declared -lânkoum weight 7st 10lb. The handrap weight Carego's Choice 7st 7b. BETTIME: 9-4 Double Rosts, 4-1 Golden Fouch, 6-1 Maradata, 8-1 Bara log Fasses, 12-1 Minous, Zahld, 14-1 others 1.20 GUILDER HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 4f (AW) 3.50 (QUALIFIER) (CLASS E) £4,200 7f (AW) LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HYCAP REATEST (7) (CD) Mass G Reservey 5 10 0 _Dane O'Nell 13 WISET WILHELMENA (48) (C) (D) Lord Hantingston 3 9 13___ SS OFFSET (15) (D) kil Johnston 3 9 13.....D Hol – 9 deciared – num weight: 7st 10th, True handhap weight: Einlie Du Nard 7st 5th. MRC 2-1 Hoolynthis, 3-1 likhotar Millield, 4-1 Ceilidh Star, 9-2 Your Welcome, 8-1 Suille Forever, 12-1 Besood, 14-1 others 420000 SHARF (15) / Car 3 9 3 505000 OUR SHADEE (20) (CD) K kery 8 9 0 005300 CHARMENG BRIDE (35) (CD) S Williams 3 8 10 1.50 FRANC CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 1m 2f (AW) 31005 FELAL (36) (D) B Meeten 3 9 1 XX-0200 ABLE CHOICE (16-Q (C) R Ametong 6 9 0. 13 0-03000 RISIONG (12) G Laws 3 8 3.... 345000 NINTWYN (1.13) (CD) W Mur 69 0... 512500 NIBHT WINK (24) 6 L Moore 4 9 0...

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HYPERION 1.00 Denomination 1.30 Strong Tarquin 2.00 Devon Pleasant 2.30 Church Law 3.00 Sparkling Yasmin 3.30 Rex To The Rescue 4.00 Country Tarquin	2.30 CLAIDE WHETLEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 3m 2f 110 yds 1 2420-3 DOM SANGURNI (14) M Ppc 5 12 0
GOING: Soft. Left-hand, sharp, course with short run-in. Course is N of town on A380. Newton Abbot station 1m. AD-MISSION: Tattersells 58.50; Course 54. Accompanied under-16s free. CAR PARE: On rule \$1.50; remainder free.	8 22/35/2 ROCKY PARK (13) G Baking 10 10 5 8 Fenton 9 \$21520 FLOW (23) R Facility 7 10 5 8 Powell 10 Q/13/2/ CARLANGFORD LAKES (673) T Thomson Jones 8 10 0 -10 declared - BETTING: 9-4 Church Law, 9-2 Andre Lawd, 5-1 Brambieliii Buck, 6-1 Dom Sensoural, 8-1 Rocky Park, 10-1 Past Thoughts, Sorrel HEZ, 12-1 others
BLINEERED FIRST TIME: None. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DSYANCE EURNEERS: Church Law (2.10) has been sent. 177 miles by Mrs L Taylor from Chipping Warden, Northamptonshire.	3.00 WILLIAM HELL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 2m 6f

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1 00 PHILIP BOWEN 50TH BIRTHDAY SELLING	2 4/111- CHAPFASSI (306) M Pgc 7 11 11		
HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,450 added 2m 1f	4 20213-3 SPARSUING YASMIN (45) P Hoobs 4 11 8		
1 115333 DENOMINATION (36) M Pipe 4 11 12 A P McCey 2 46F210 URBAN 1817 (173) R Hodess 6 11 0 Hants (7) B	5 40700-0 REEDWOOD MUPPET (24) (D) A J Wilson 9 10 13 I Harvey 6 33151-4 HOLDBACLOSE (13) (CD) R Frost 6 10 13		
3 5 FASTINI GOLD (10) M (lefter 4 10 12	7 02406-3 THE REVEREND BERT (10) (BF) G Barding 8 10 9		
4 2 PEGSVILLE (29) M Charmon 4 10 12 A Thomaton	8 ROPO1-1 BETTER BYTHE GLASS (S1) (C D) N Tileston-Doves 7 10 3		
5 YET AGAIN Miss 6 Kelemey 4 10 12 D Bridgester 6 400-5 KONGRES MELODY (51) K Bustop 5 10 7 R Greene	C Downlyn		
6 declared -	9 8242-04 JADIDH (10) (CD) A Barrow 8 10 2 D Salter (5)		
BETTING: 2-1 Fastini Gold, 5-2 Yet Again, 3-1 Denomination, 6-1 Litter	10 42P510- OATIS ROSE (215) M Sheppard 5 10 0		
Lity, 8-1 Pentsville, 20-1 Kongles Melody	11 0340-51 ALLOW (14) B Deselyn 5 10 0		
4 30 SW RACING CLUB NOVICE HANDICAP	Minimum: 10st. True handicap weights: Desis Rose 9st 12th, Allow 9st 3th,		
L-5U CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 2m 5f 110yds	BETTING: 7-4 Chapraesi, 4-1 Balanek, 5-1 Sparkfing Yasmin, 8-1 The Reversed Bert, 10-1 Holdingtone, Butter Bythe Gines, 12-1 others		

	1 301320 CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 2m 5f 110yds 1 301320 POUROT ROMEO (213) C Books 6 12 0	BETTRUE: 7-4 Chapmani, 4-1 Balanok, 5-1 Sparting Yaumin, 8-1 The Reversed Bert, 10-1 Holdinclose, Better Bythe Gines, 12-1 others		
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ı	8 033631 CROWN MORY (NZ) (26) P Rechart 8 10 0S Fox	2 USP-323 REX TO THE RESCUE COST (D BF) R After 8 10 13		
l	9 0/846-UF COUNTRY NEEPER (13) B Real 8 10 0	P Henley (3)		
	10 PPPP VARIECK II (10) M Pice 9 10 0 B Moore (7)	3 P/FF1/F MISS MARISOLD (10) R Hodges 7 10 9		
ı	11 650F-P LNC DEL PRINCE (12) P Nichols 8 10 0 0 Burrows (7)	4 224412 FEMINICK (7) (D) (BF) R Hodges 9 10 1 T Descombe (3)		
i	= 11 declared -	5 62P/3- WELL TIMED (196) R Prost 6 10 0		
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١	Set 8th, Country Keeper Sct 7th, Vareek II, Jack Del Prince Set 2th.	BETTING: 7-4 James The Pirst, 2-1 Rex To The Rescue, 7-2 Femilia.		
ì	BETTING: 7-2 Footrot Romeo, 4-1 Strong Terrole, 6-1 Orswell Lad, 7-1	7-1 Mics Maristold, 8-1 Well Timed		
ı	Crown lyory, 8-1 Coney Road, its Grand, 10-1 others			
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4.	00	BOUNDERIES INTERMEDIATE OPEN N FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,550 2m 1f	ŀ	
1	1	NEVER IN DIEBT (66) A Hobbs 4 11 11Mr 6 Shenkin (7	
2		SPRING MIUSLIN (246) D Gardolfo 4 11 6		
		Sophie Michell (5	
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4	00	BABA SAM (24) P 50065 5 11 4	á	
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7		DOM BELTRANO N Truston-Dames 4 11 4L Sethern (ł	
8		GREENFIELD GEORGE P Hoots 5 11 4 L Harvi	d	
9		PRANOS M Pipe 4 11 4		
10		MR AGRIMISE R Prost 5 11 4	ė	
11		ZAGGY LANE (13) Mrs R Henderson 4 11 4D Salter (
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rano, 7-2 Iranos, 4-1 Sprig Hustin, 5-1 Never longe, 8-1 Country Tarquie, 14-1 others

RACING RESULTS

LEICESTER 12.55; 1. DARAYDAN (A PMCC)/4 4-9 fev; 2. Dens Point 16-1; 3. By's Harbour 10-1. 9 ms. 16, 20. (M Pipe, Wellington). Tota: £1-30; £1-00, £4-60, £3-30. Dual Forecast: Trin: £9.50.

2.00 FAUCETS SIRRUS SHOWER NOVICE HUR-DLE (CLASS D) £3,750 added 2m 1f

1.25: 1. PETER MICHAMY (A P McCov) 11-8 fay 2. Bluntawood H.M. 12-1; 3. Deck Trust Se 9-1. 21 ram. 2, 7. (M Pipe, Wellington). Total: £1.80; £2.10, £2.40, £1.50. DF. £17.50. CSF: £19.93. Trio: £89.90. NR: Appeel Agen. 155: 1. SIGMA RUN (R. Johnson) 7-4; 2.

Captain Stockford 25-1; 3. Larks Te8 14-1. 5 ran. 5-4 fax Coolteen Hero (urseated rider). 11, 6. () Edwards, Ross-on-Wije). Total: £2.50; £1.10, £13.50. DP: £15.40. CSF: 2.25-1 IMPERIAL VINTAGE IN William 5-4 fav; 2. Celtic Town 11-4; 3. Far Senior 20-1. 4 ran. 3, 2%. (Miss V Williams, Here-tord). Total: £2.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £4.71.

2.55: 1. MAMRI (T Boy) 7-2; 2. Kingdom Of Shedes 4-1; 3. Milyan 16-1, 6 ran. 7-4 fay Yubrake (4thy. 3, 7. (J Mackia, Church Broughton). Tota: £4.50; £2.10, £2.50. Df: £13.60. CSF: £15.54. 3.25: 1. GLISTENING DAWN (S MCNell) 10-1; 2. Jelis Absent 4-1; 3. Rhechank Rose 8-1. 19 ram. 7-2 jt-favs Tigh-Na-Mars (Sth), Chitmen's Choice (6th). 1%, 1%. (T Kedol). Tota: £10.90; £3.40, £1.30, £1.60, DF:

700 (19.5) 249.89, Theast £249.77. Inc. £21.40.
3.55: 1. BARRYBEN (R Massey) 11-1; 2. General Tonic 4-1; 3. Entersal 6-1. 7 ran. 5-2 fav Bartord Sovereign (4th.) 3. 8. (W Bitsbourne, Nesserfile). Totac £12.70. £2.10. 52.30. DF: £21.00. CSF: £51.72.

PLUMPTON 1.05: 1. WHISTLING BUCK (A Carriy) 5-1; 2. Fandey Flyer 7-4 (ps; 3. Mileasure 16-1. 7 (ps), 1, 17. (R Rome, Storington), Tota: £8-50; £1.70, £2.30. DF: £4.90. CSF: £12.90.

Jacksof: £3.242.00.

1.35: 1. WOODLANDS BOY (D Walsh) 12-1; 2. Mr Mart 10-1; 3. Credon 13-2, 11 ren. 6-1 co-fave Titan Empress (Bit), Black Church (unseated rider), Knockswerry, 11/4, 1. (R Cur-ts, Epsom). Tota: £12-30; £3.30, £3.20, £2.10, DF: £101.80, CSP: £108.38. Tricast: 2.06: 1 DAMM CHANGE (R Durwood) 5-4; 2. John Dat, dis. (R Hodges, Somerion). Tota: 1.180. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.85.

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Thai Morning (Lingfield 1.50) NB: Baronet (Wetherby 1.40)

Dentes Consiler 7-4 tay: 3. Lord Rooble 15-2. 12 ras. 1%, 2. IR Bucker, Bridger). Total: £25.20; £6.50, £2.20, £2.20. DF: £21.80. CSF: £50.95. This: £31.40. 8.05: 1. MANIMU'S CHOICE (P Henley) 12.1; 2, Amber Sperk 6-4 fax; 3, Rassaburn Lad 10-1, 11 rea, ½, 20. (R Alner, Bland-ford Forum). Totes: £15.70; £3.50, £1.10, £2.40. DF: £25.10. CSP: £29.28. Tno: £47,10. NRs: Lets Go Now, Pennant Cottage,

£71.10. NRS: LEW LO NOW, FERRIS CONTINUES.
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12.15: 1. HONEYHALL (I Quinn) 8-1; 2. poems Check 7-1; 3. Ballard Lady 8-1, 15 ren, 13-2 fev Miss Aragon, 15, shi-bd. (N Dy-cruft). Tota: £11.60; £2.80, £2.20, £2.40. DF: £21.70. Computer Straight Forecast: £63.91. Tricest: £452.06. Yng: £77.10. NR:

12.45: 1. INDIAHRA (T Wallams) 9-4 fan: 2. Three Weeks 14-1; 3. Sandmoor Denies 5-1, 15 ran, 1½, rk. (J L Eyre). Tota: £3.80; £1.20, £9.30, £1.70. DF: £50.70. Computer Straight Forecast: £34.58. This: £178.80. NR: Miss Charlie.

1.15: 1. SALLY GREEN (G Duffeld) 11-2: 2. Coo-N-K 2-1 fay; 3. Double-O 16-1. 14 pag., 1%, nk. (C Wall). Tota: £5.40; £1.70, £1.50, £5.80. DF: £7.80. Computer Straight £1.50, £5.80. DF: £7.80. Computer Straight Foreast £18.52. Trio: £66.10. NRs: Francick-bob, Supreme Mairmoon, Supreme Mairmoon (9-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p in the

145; 1. SHASHI (R Lappin) 20-1; 2. Ani-'s Contessa 7-1; 3. Juba 16-1. 15 ran. 11-4 fav Medona (4th), %, 1. (W Hagh), Totac £16.90: £4.20, £1.90, £6.60, DF; £107.40, CSF: £154.00. Theast: £2,174.41. The 2.15: 1 EROSION (M Roberts) 5-1: 2. EF-

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2.45: 1. DOMINO FLYER (D Hotard) evens fav; 2. Desert Zone 11: 2; 3. Ya Marhaba 12: 1. 15 ran. 3, 4. (Mrs. A Swinbank). Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £2.00, £2.60. DF: £4.00. Computer Straight Forecast £9.51. Tho: £23.50. NR: Komamana. 3.15: 1. PHTMAAM (D Holland) 7-2; 2. Greenspan 7-4 (p.; 3. Fozzair 11-1, 15 ran. 1½, 5. (Mrs A Swinbank). Tota: £7.20; £2.10. £1.30, £10.90. DF: £7.00. CSF: £12.26. Tro:

3.45-1. ONEFOURSEVEN (TWBams) 6-4 km; 2. Coloridge 6-1; 3. lota 12-1. 11 ran. Nk, 5. U L Eyre). Tota: £2.50; £1.90. £1.50, £3.60, DF: £8.10, CSF: £12.13, Tr cast: £82.69. Trio: £45.90. After a ste inquiry, placings unaltered.

Placepot: £543.30. Quadpot: £200.10. Place 8: £519,54. Place 5: £181.30.

Cardiff go marching on at the double

ice Hockey

STEVE PINDER

While Sheffield Steelers were taking a point in the European Cup semi-finals in Finland. drawing 2-2 with HPK Hameenlinna, it was left to Cardiff Devils to stretch their lead at the top of the Superleague with wins over Bracknell Bees and Nottingham Punthers.

Cardiff were never in trouble in either game, beating Bracknell 2-1 in a dour tussle but nev-er having to stretch themselves against Panthers, with unanswered goals by Steve Moria, Steffen Ziesche and Doug Mc-Carthy sealing the 4-1 win after Marty Dallman had scored the marker for Panthers to match Ian Cooper's opener for Devils.

Manchester Storm and Nottingham Panthers produced one of the best games of the weekend. Jeff Sebastian opened the scoring for Storm after 13 seconds only for Ashley Tait. one of the few British players able to command a starting place in the new league, to lev-

el the score a minute later. Eric Calder gave Storm a 2-1 lead at the end of the first session but three Panthers goals without reply, two from Brent Bobyck, made it 4-2 at the end of the second. Manchester, though, won with two goals from Shawn Byram and Nick Poole's winner two minutes from time.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football

7.30 unless stated UEFA CLIP THIRD ROUND FIRST LEG Ottiser tiess: Monaco IFr) v Homburg (Ger) (5.0); Brondby (Den) v Kartsruhe (Ger) (8.0); Tenenfe (Spi v Feyenoord (Neth) (2.45); Helsungborg (Swe) v Anderfecht (Bei) (7.0); Club Bruges (Beh v Schalte O4 (Ger) (3.0); Internazionale (II) v Bouvsta (Por) (7.45); valencie (Sp) v Besiklas (Turk) (8.30).

NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION PRS: DVVSION
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Dswich v Swindon (7.45)
Nanchester City v Huddersfield (7.45) ...
Oxford Utd v Bolton (7.45)

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Pulnam v Barnet (7.45)
Hartlepool v Cardiff
Hereford v Lincoln
Leyton Orient v Wigan (7.45)
Mansfield v Chester (7.45)
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Swansea v Brighton SCOTTISH LEAGUE

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DR MARTENS LEAGUE Premier Division: Atherstone v Chetenthem; Buston v Wormesser Chy; Chelmsdord v King's Lynn (7-45); Czawley Town v Dorrhester; Gloucyster Cry v Memport AFC; Gravegend & Northileet v Heszange; Hallenowon v Gresley Rowers 17-45; Sudbury Town v Astrodr Town Chelled Town, Soothern Division: Buckungton Town v Enth & Behadder; Crenecare Town v Cardendral Town; Station Ranger: v Surface Cornecare Town v Cardendral Town; Seekders v V Parendral Town; Seekders v V Parendral Town v Resourt Low. V Station Rows. Margane.

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ISH ISPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE Premier Divisions Boston v Mirries Blackstone Ernestuny v Cogenhoe: Hotbeach v Bourne; Newport Pagnel v Potton; St Needs v N Spencer, Stamford v Desboruge; Stotlod v Merroston; Wichingtonugh - Shalding; Wootton v Long Buddy, Langue Gup second round: St. Corty v Thrapston. PRESS AND JOURNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: EI-PHESS AND JORNAL HIGHLAND LEAGUE E-gen Cry v Rothes.
WINISTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE First Division: Hens Boy v Bockenham fourt, Themesmadd flown y Fiberstone Invests.
NOROH WEST COUNTES LEAGUE First Division: Eastwood Hanley v Modgrove Athlete; Modeley v Chaddonon; Trafford v Glossop North End.

PONTINS LEAGUE Prender Division: Derby v Blockburn (7.0); Sheff Wed v Birmingham (7.0). Second Division: Bradford v Burnley (7.0).

Rugby Union

(7-30 unless stated)
TOUR MATCH: Cambridge University v Western
Samos (3,0) Lenster v Australia (7,0) lot Lansdowne Road, Dublin).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Leinster Undor-21 v New Zeabnot News Under-21 (2,30) (at Dorny-brook, Dublin).

Rackethall EUROPEAN CUP: PTT Ankara (Tur) v London

BADMINTON: England v China (Shelfield). SNOOKER: UK Championship (Preston).



You only sing when you're standing

the Old Trafford concourse hummed to the sound of accents from Cork to Canberra, Scandinavians walked around with knapsacks taking photographs and home counties families emerged with bulging carrier gramme. They sit and admire bags from the megastore.

It was an ordinary Saturday chester United Plc, the ex-Piccadilly station a few minutes earlier was extraordinary. A group of supporters, festooned with United leisure clothing. jumped in a taxi. Where are we going?" inquired one. "Old Trafford." "Oh yeah, that's it."

This is not a "No Manchester United supporters come from Manchester" piece - quite a lot do. But it is undeniable that United's support is now drawn from all parts of Britain, Ireland keting men may feel delighted with this but their manager is not. It has become increasingly obvious that the changing nature of matchday at Old Trafford is not benefiting the team.

The opening period of United's win over Arsenal on Saturday was conducted, like the matches with Chelsea and Fenerbahce, to a relative hush. At times Arsenal's 3,000 supporters outsung United's nominal 52,000. It was only when the public address asked supporters in K stand - the transplanted Stretford End - to sit down that United's fans were stirred. Their anger at the club's attitude developed into noisy supgested to the club that they

port for the players. Before the match Alex Ferguson had appealed for better support. "The growing number of hospitality packages has brought in a different type of au-dience," he wrote in the pro-

Glenn Moore on the lack of lyrical support emanating from the seats

the ground and wait to be entertained just as if they were at afternoon in Manchester but. a theatre or musical." After the even by the standards of Man-match he added: "We have a lot of visitors, for whom it is a weekchange at the taxi rank at end holiday. That may be alright for some people but it is no use to me or the players."

United's problem may be more acute but it is not unique. In the recent Premiership fans' survey almost two-thirds of respondents said grounds were not as lively as a few years ago. Nearly 30 per cent thought they were "quieter than I would like".

Some clubs are making an attempt to remedy this. Highbury has had a 500-seat "singing" and the world. United's mar- area all season but it does not appear to have made any difference. This is partly because it is in the North Bank, traditionally Arsenal's home end but, since redevelopment, superseded as such by the Clock

End where seats are cheaper. Redevelopment also killed off the Stretford End. Once a 20,000 terrace it is now 10,000 seats, half of which are allocated to executive seating or as a family stand.

"The more vociferous supporters have gradually moved to K stand." Johnny Flacks of the Independent Manchester United Supporters' Association said. make tomorrow's European Champions' League tie against Juventus a "flag day". The club agreed and fans are to be allowed to bring flags in an attempt to lift the atmosphere. "A lot of supporters are con-

cerned about the lack of atmosphere," Flacks said. "I can remember when opposing teams used to be frightened by it. It is not the same now.

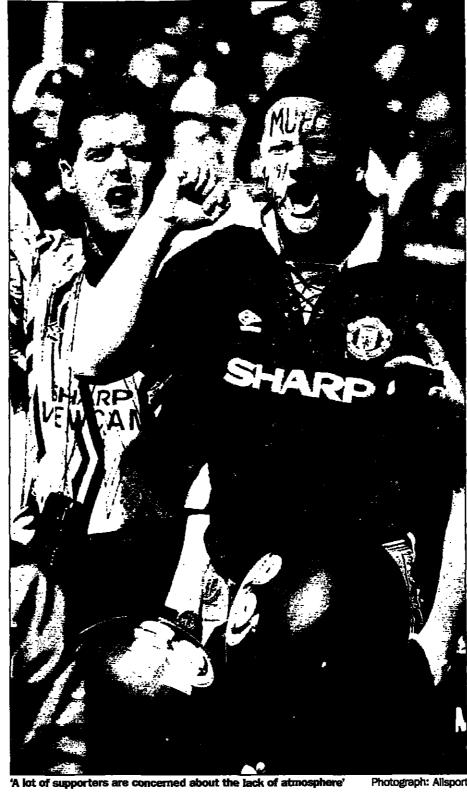
"Last year the club said they were considering a 'singing area but it has been dropped. They said only 100 applied but we put in 500 applications immediately and, if they had given seasonticket holders the option when they renewed they would have had thousands."

"People want to get behind the team but they feel inhibited," Flacks added. "It is partly be-cause of the security people and partly because supporters around them don't want to actively participate. We're not saying people have to but they should be giv-en the chance. We say there is a place at Old Trafford for everybody, but everybody should have a place and that should include supporters who want to sing."
The chant that roused Old

Trafford on Saturday was 'Stand up for the champions." It is no coincidence that variations of this have been heard all over the country.

Yes, something needed to be done after Hillsborough and the Taylor Report was long overdue. The new grounds are magnificent and it is wonderful to see football booming. But if the grounds become too sanitised there is a risk of losing one of the core aspects of football supporting.

Already the richness and diversity of chants is being erod-ed. "Blue Moon", "Delilah", "Keep Right On to the End of the Road". "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Fer it's a Grand Old Team to Play For" are part of the fabric of the game. Clubs - and police - need to recognise that just because a supporter wants to sing does not mean he



Ginola shoots from the hip

SIMON TURNBULL reports from Metz

David Ginola carried a rifle through jungle territory for three weeks of his National Service in the French Army. Judging by his remarks when he returned home as a Foreign Legionnaire with the Toon Army yesterday, it seems he may not have learned to fire it - not straight, at least,

The man French football held responsible for its failure to qualify for the last World Cup finals spoke with hope of being granted an opportunity to fly the tricolore on his home soil the summer after next. In doing so, however, the winger from St Tropez who plies his trade at St James's appeared to shoot himself - or, more specifically, his lingering international ambitions - in the foot.

No matter how dazzlingly Ginola performs for Newcastle United in the opening leg of their Uefa Cup third round tie in Metz tonight, Aimé Jacquet's view will no doubt be shaded by the prodigal son's typically frank address on the state of the na-

The public protestations Ginola has made since his last appearance for France, two years ago, is one reason Jacquet has chosen to keep him in exile. And the national coach will not take kindly to being told that the team he has fashioned in his own image has become a turnoff for the French.

Reflecting on the 1-0 defeat against Denmark 10 days ago, Ginola said: "People in France are upset because the team is too defensive. The man who sits on his sofa to watch the game needs to see something special. After 10 minutes he is turning to another channel to watch Baywatch or something."

Ginola turned on the television set at his Paris flat one November morning three years ago

to see Gerard Houllier. Jacquet's predecessor as national coach and now director of the French football federation, Jabel him "a criminal" for his part in France's fall at the final World Cup qualifying hurdle the previous night, when Bulgaria scored from the possession he conceded to them in the final minute.

The fact that both legs Newcastle's tie against the French League Cup holders will be screened live in Ginola's homeland will, as Kevin Keegan put it yesterday, "give David a great chance to press his claims." Ginola, however, may not have advanced his cause by declaring: "I'm English now," even if it was made to explain why he will be treated as an enemy by the French crowd tonight.

The pressure will be on him tonight, not just because of his coming home, for his first club match since his £2.5m move from Paris St Germain in June last year. The Metz team Newcastle face includes Robert Pires, the player Jacquet has groomed as understudy to Reynauld Pedros, who ousted Ginola from the French side.

Given the attacking threat likely to be posed by the 23-yearold, Keegan is likely to revert to a four-man defensive formation, which would mean a return at right-back for Steve Watson. In attack, the Newcastle manager seems more inclined to turn to Paul Kitson rather than alan Shearer as replacement for the injured Les Ferdinand.

Though Shearer trained with the squad at the Stade Saun-Symphorian last night, Keegan maintained he would not risk his £15m investment.

Further proof of Shearer's improving fitness in training this morning, however, may yet persuade Keegan to keep a seat warm on the substitutes' bench for one member of his squad who knows how to shoot straight.

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Neil Jenkins' reputation has suffered because he doesn't happen to be called Barry John, Phil Bennett - or Jonathan Davies

There are several bits of cheerful news about the place this week. The best is that Jonathan Davies may be playing for Wales against South Africa on 14 December.

Judged by his performance for Cardiff against Bath on Saturday, he certainly deserves to.

He was much assisted by the play inside him of Robert Howley, who is virtually certain to be at scrumbalf whether Davies plays or not. If he does, as I hope he will, it will c hard on Neil Jenkins who, as I wrote last week, has kept Wales within the pale of international re-spectability almost single-handed through his goal-kicking. In the rest of his game, his reputation has suffered not so much because he has

played badly as because he does not happen to be called Barry John, Phil of Jon Sleightholme. Bennett - or Jonathan Davies.

In their present predicament, England would be glad of Jenkins' services, Knowing Jack Rowell, however, I do not suppose he would have the sense to avail himself of them even if he could. Certainly the Cardiff-Bath encounter provided all the principal Welsh goal-kicker, but the evidence we are likely to require about the folly of entering a major game without a reliable specialist place-kickeт.

If Mike Catt had kicked his penalties, Bath would have won. It was as simple as that. They passed over Jonathan Callard not just once, when the team was originally selected, but twice, when it had to be

Cardiff, by contrast, had not only Davies but Lee Jarvis who, normally an outside-half, put over some colossal kicks after he had come on as substitute full-back. On this form, there is a case for playing Jarvis either at full-I do not suppose this will happen. But Davies's recall may well come

about, in which case he will pre-sumably do the place-kicking too. It might be said that his return would not only be hard on Jenkins but also sacrifice the promise of Arwel Thomas. My answer is that national selectors should pick the best team available, irrespective of age.



After all, the prop Jeff Probyn first played for England when he was 31. An outside-half of 34, Davies's age, is admittedly a slightly different commodity. Nevertheless, he is now

tality in his recall. It would be selfdeluding for those of us who advocate it to refuse to acknowledge one of our motives. We wanted League and Union to come together. We - at any rate, some of us - also wanted the reconciliation symbolised

by the sight of Jonathan Davies in

a Welsh jersey once again. that there are two British (conveniently split between English and Welsh) clubs, and two French, in the last four of the Heineken European Cup. The next piece of cheer is that, in Cup coverage, the BBC is at last beginning to wake up to its re-sponsibilities to rugby followers, all

would be an element of sentimen- fees like the good citizens they are.

This good news is marred by the continuing dispute between the RFU and Eprue, representing the First and Second Division clubs. It has long been self-evident to me that the clubs are correct in wanting to abolish the divisional championship. The players - notably those from Bath, Bristol and Gloucester, forced The other bit of cheerful news is as they are to combine reluctantly as there are two British (conve-The fans pay not the slightest at-tention to it. For how many go to Im-ber Court to watch London when they can watch Harlequins, Wasps.

Saracens or Richmond instead? The RFU says it regards these di-visional matches as trials. Indeed, it

in the British Isles. Even so, there of whom, I am sure, pay their licence has the impudence to insist to the divisions that they choose only England-qualified players.

The claim is fraudulent. Not one recent England player has got into the national side solely through his divisional performances. The selectors judge by club matches, per-haps too much so. The favoured clubs used to be those in the top half of the First Division. How otherwise was it that Ben Clarke and Jason Leonard were persuaded to move from Saracens (then hovering hetween First and Second Divisions) to, respectively, Bath and Harlequins? If the RFU very badly wants to hold a proper trial, it can still always have one, or several, as it used

England A make Aussies suffer

cream of Australia's young tal-

ent just after tea on the final

day of their match at Marist

His six came when he took a

placed on the outfield. That cost

the home side a five run penal-

MYLES HODGSON reports from Mount Gambia Australian Cricket Academy England A 272 & 165-3 England A win by 7 wkts

Exciand A claimed another pressive scalp on their tour of Australia by completing a aprehensive seven-wicket victory over the Australian Cricket Academy in Mount Gambia yesterday.

Just a week after clinching a sensational win over the Sheffield Shield holders, South Australia, the tourists sealed ty.

W Indies slip to defeat

complete a dismal preparation for the first Test against Australia, starting in Brisbane on Friday. The former Test all-rounder

Greg Blewett took a career-best second innings, leaving the Aus-

colm Marshall, played down the liot for the first Test. significance of the defeat. "We have struggled at the start of Fridge M Toyor (2000, M Effort, A Poning, M Wayn, Swagh, M Bent, Heek and, Swann, S

The West Indies shumped to a the first Test. You shouldn't try crushing 10-wicket defeat in to read too much into it," he said their final warm-up match to West Indies failed to bat through yesterday after following on in reply to 544 for 4 declared. After being dismissed for 317, West Indies scored 251 in their

5 for 29 as the tourists were hu-miliated in Hobart by an Aus-Australia have recalled tralian-XI featuring a host of -Shane Warne after injury but -the opener Michael Slater has

underlined his undoubted promise with an unbeaten 43 as England reached their target of 165 for 3 with relative

Resuming 56 runs ahead on "I think English cricket's in good hands with David Gravency and Mike Gatting be-70 for 2, the Academy crumbled to 175 all out in just 24 overs yesterday with the Derbyshire fast bowler, Andrew Harris, claiming 5 for 61.

Yorkshire opener Michael me, that's what the game's all about." conceded the Academy er group of cricketers and for about," conceded the Academy the tourists the platform to head coach, Rod Marsh, launch their victory chase, Final day, England A won toss Vaughan hit 11 fours and a six.

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Andrew Harris, the England A bowler, on his way to a Photograph: Alisport five-wicket haul yesterday

SPORTING DIGEST

Denver driven on by dynamic Davis

American football MATT TENCH

As the autumn nights close in and the regular season ap-proaches its closing stanzas, it is not unusual for a team establish itself as the Super Bowl favourites. What is unusual is for that team to hail from the

American Football Conference. That may be about to happen, though, especially if the Denver Broncos produce many more victories as impressive as Sunday's in New England.

The Patriots went into the game with understandable optimism themselves, a run of good results establishing them as genuine contenders. That sequince was ruthlessly ended by the Broncos, who dominated from the moment the Patriots head punt at his own two on the opening drive. The pass was dropped and five plays later the

classed," Parcells said after the Davis' sixth 100-yard game of the

34-8 defeat. "I thought we would do better than that." For those Broncos fans who

Super Bowl appearances in the late Eighties without wincing, there are reasons to be more ontimistic this time. Whereas that team relied on the wonderous arm of quarterback John Elway and hoped for the best, the '96 vintage is built on altogether sounder foundations.

In particular there is the rushing of Terrell Davis, a sixthround draft pick 18 months ago who was described by Marty Schottenheimer - head coach of the Broncos' divisional rivals Kansas City-as the best back in the league two months ago, and has done nothing since to suggest that opinion was premature.

Against the Patriots Davis rushed for 154 yards, gained ancoach Bill Parcells called a fake other 56 with four receptions, and scored three times as Elway, who was nursing hand and leg injuries, was able to play a supvisitors were a touchdown ahead.
"We were completely out-

campaign, and takes his total to "It's real hard to cut on that

field and I knew my moves had to be a little more subtle today." Davis said. "I just told my-self to run hard and once I got into the secondary, I tried not to go down on the first hit."

Denver's seventh consecutive comfortably the best in the AFC. Barring an Atlanta Braves-like slump in December they have virtually ensured that all conference rivals will have to win in Colorado to reach the Super Bowl. Given the Broncos formidable record at the Mile High Stadium, that should prove a huge advantage. Nor, for once, do the Broncos look hopelessly over-matched against the best NFC teams.

In that conference Philadelphia fans will be feeling particularly depressed this week. A fortnight ago they won in Dallas, but have followed that with consecutives home defeats, the latest by Washington on Sunday. Results, tables, Sporting Digest

Fighter's death causes public outcry in Italy

An inquiry began yesterday into the death of the middieweight Fabrizio De Chiara after he collapsed at the end of and interview tingside spectators. an Italian title fight. De Chiara, 25, fell into a coma

Vincenzo Imparato on Saturday injuries sustained in the ring

less than 24 hours later.

town of Carrara, near where the fight took place, said they would study a video of the encounter The referee ended the fight and De Chiara - the seventh Italafter his 12-round contest against ian professional boxer to die from

Magistrates in the central He died following two operations

to his corner before collapsing. to remove blood that was putting pressure on his brain. A devastated Imparato

thought the fight should have been stopped in the 11th round. "I saw that [De Chiara] was short of breath and exhausted." De Chiara's manager, Mario

since the 1940s - made it back Loreni, said: "In the match he was always lucid. I asked 'can you do it?' and he always said 'yes'." The death has led to calls in

Italy for rules governing bouts and ringside medical care to be reviewed, while the sports daily Tuttosport wrote: "It's already doubtful whether on the threshold of the year 2000 two people a drama into a macabre spectacle," L'Osservatore Romano should fight in a ring for money."

decision to show recorded film of the entire fight on Saturday night after people already knew that De Chiara was in intensive care added to the controversy.

"The cynicism of man turned commented.

Woods rounds on racism

Tiger Woods is determined to take a leading role in tackling racial discrimination in American golf. The 20-year-old, whose father is black and whose mother is Thai, said he saw the hate mail he receives as a sign of success in his efforts to highlight the plight of non-whites trying to gain access to some private American courses. "If you are a leader you take

the initiative and do what's right, and I feel I am doing what's right, "Woods said in Sydney as he prepared for the Australian Open - his first overseas tournament as a professional.
All is not well fitness-wise, with Woods still troubled by a

back problem. "I am going to [the hate mail] is positive belems while I'm still growing." the three-time US amateur champion said. Woods, who will tee off

against Australia's world No 1. Greg Norman, at the Australian Open starting on Thursday, generates much of his awesome distance off the tee with a rapid shoulder turn, placing a strain on his lower back.

Woods has won two tournasince turning professional in August and earned a reported \$60m (\$37.5m) in endorsement

He said: "Tve been kicked off courses for just the colour of my skin. I've had hate mail, death threats, the whole nine yards. It

being influenced by how I play.
"It's part of life, it's part of being in a sport which is predominantly Caucasian," he said.

"Society is changing into this

new era and unfortunately it's going to take time." Woods has appeared in an American television advert for a sportswear manufacturer claiming that a number of clubs still operated an unofficial

ments on the US PGA Tour colour bar. The advert has generated a heated response. "I think something needs to

be said in the game of golf." Woods said. "Unfortunately that is not usually how I like to portray or do things in my life but I think golf needed that

Lincoln's Mark Chaloner, the eighth seed in the men's World Open in Karachi, un-

expectedly went out of the first round yesterday against Zubair Jahan, of Palastan, Chaloner, the Hertfordshire-based 24-year-old who broke into the

professional ranks this time last year by

Williams ill during win

Mark Williams, the Grand Prix of the opening eight frames. champion, was rushed to see a However, overnight he develdoctor after victory in his opening match in the UK Championship at Preston yesterday afternoon. Williams, the world No 16, had been physically sick before and during a 75-minute second session against his fet-low Welshman, Tony Chappel, but managed a 9-3 success against his rival from Swansea The 21-year-old left-hander from Cwm had completed the

'Woodies' add sion when he took all but one oped a stomach complaint and then struggled to add the two frames required to reach the last

32. Chappel, the world No 45. twice knocked in 60-plus breaks, while Williams scraped through with a modest run of 35. Tomorrow he meets his next opponent, Yasin Merchant, the Bombay professional who defeated Dave Finbow from

Welch lines up title shot

sation heavyweight champion, was confident he would beat the Henry Akinwande, in Palm off 7in Akinwande. Springs, California, on 11 Jan-

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In the Adnams East Premier a 25th-minute penalty cor-Two goals each from player- ner strike from Gareth Machin was enough to see Cambridge City to a 1-0 win at Ipswich and for them to retain their threepoint lead over Chelmsford, 4-0 winners against Sudbury with Mike Cullen scoring twice. - In the North, Norton are now six points clear of Formby, with

world title to their portfolio

Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge encountered few problems before winning their 12th doubles title of the year on Sunday. The Australian pair captured their second Phoenix/ ATP World Cup Doubles Championship in Hartford by defeating Texan Alex O'Brien and Canadian Sebastien Lareau 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6.

In addition to a prize of £100,000, they have also won an unprecedented sweep of the US Open, Wimbledon, world and Olympic titles in the same year. The defending champion, Boris Becker, was given a fough draw for today's ATP World Champiooship in Hanover when he was put in the same roundrobin group as world No 1 Pete

Sampras and Andre Agassi. They were joined by French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the red group. Michael Chang, Goran Ivanisevic, Thomas Muster and Richard Kraiicek are in the white group.

TODAY'S NUMBER

The runs that Adam Bacher scored yesterday to become the first South African cricketer to score a century and a double century in a first class match. The 23 year old opener hit 112 not out to add to his first innings 210 as Transvaal beat Griqueland West by 93 runs

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Mark Pruthos, the Stoke Cay goalkeeper and voted the fans' player of the year last season, has requested a transfer because he cannot regain his first-team place. Manager Lou Macari has also lost striker Martin Carruthers, who has

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International Olympic Committee med-ical officials say that bromantan, the drug used by the Russian swimmer Andrel Ko-meyev in the Atlanta Games, would be banned from February next year. Kor-neyev, one of five Russians who tested positive in Atlanta, was originally banned, earning Britzin's Nick Gillingham the 200

Olympic Games

en the benefit of the doubt. Broman-tan, used both as a sumulant and a masking agent, was developed by the Soviet military for use by cosmonauts.

Rugby Union

Bristol, the First Division club, have strengthened their squad by sighing Said Rail, the France A back row forward. The 27-year-old former Begles-Bordeaux and Narbonne player is expected to make his debut against Anglo-Weish Cup opponents, Bridgend, next Tuesday. LONDON DIVISION (v Argindha, Twickenhein, tomorrow): H Rashing A Prinnock, S Boydell (all Heart), J Alemander (Esher), P Firther (Rosslyn Park), C Raymond, (London Weish), D Joses (Heart): D Ross (Heart), J Franker (Said), L Damphell-Lanserton (Rosslyn Park), P Brady (Esher).

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Venables on the verge of Australian adventure

Football

NICK DUXBURY

Terry Venables was yesterday multing over the fine details of a £200,000-a-year contract that will see England's erstwhile coach masterminding Australia's attempt to reach the 1998 World Cup finals in

to the semi-finals of Euro 96 and then joined First Division Portsmouth in the role of director of football, had another meeting yesterday in London with David Hill, the chairman of Soccer Australia.

Venables, 53, who stands to increase his England salary by 30 per cent, would not confirm that he had taken job. We are still talking. So I do not want to say much more at this moment Venables, who left his Eng- in time," he said. However, he

ables is the man to elevate them into mainstream international football and it is likely they will allow him to continue his role at Portsmouth. The new job will require him to spend much of his time in Europe monitoring the leading Australian players who play their club football here.

"China, Japan, Korea and

remaining ambitions is to be involved in a World Cup.

Soccer Australia believe Ven-

involved big time in world foot-ball," Venables said.
"My knowledge is not as up to date as Eddie Thomson's, the last manager but I've spoken to him and he has been very helpful. Anyway we'll have a fair idea fairly soon.

Thomson is going to Japan, leaving the way open for Venables to take charge of top players like Aston Villa's Mark

off to reach the last 32 in Chelsea, not content with having just spent £4.5m on Gi-

anfranco Zola, are now con-

Cup finals is a daunting task for

the Australians. They are in the

Oceania qualifying group and, if successful, would have to

beat an Asian qualifier in a play-

£3m for the Fortuna Dusseldorf keeper Georg Koch.

and if we get the money then to Ray Harford. Rovers were Koch will be sold," Jurgen tunied down by Venables and Hauswald, the Dusseldorf president, said. "Chelsea are building a world class team. Georg would be mad not to go there with the money on offer."

Chelsea are understood to have offered Koch a five-year contract worth £8,000 a week. Tony Parkes has been told that he will be in charge of sidering parting with another Blackburn Rovers for at least

the next month as they contin-

ne their search for a successor

attempts to interview managers Howard Kendall, Peter Reid and Bruce Rioch was blocked by their clubs. Extraordinary goings on in Carlisle have left the chairman

and chief executive Michael Knighton reconsidering his decision to quit following a dispute with a local newspaper over a story about his experience with a UFO at motorway filling sta-tion. The story was headlined:

port of the incident 19 years ago was the final straw in a caego tive campaign" against him the Carlisk News and Star ar said he would leave at the cr of the season. "When the rela tionship has deterlorated this level, it's time to call

day," he said. However, a front-page by the paper led Knighton to ru

Villa bid to revive Milosevic transfer

Aston Villa will send a delegatry to rescue striker Savo Milo-

Perugia.
Milosevic had his first training session with Villa in more than a fortnight yesterday after returning to England when doubts arose over whether the deal would go through at the weekend. Villa thought a £4.5m fee had

been agreed, but now Perugia are believed to be willing to pay only around £2m for the Yugoslav international. But Villa are mainly con-

cerned about the lack of communication at the Italian end, hence the reason for flying out. Manager Brian Little said yesterday: "We understand the person who would be signing the papers which would authorise the deal has been away for a week.

weekend to ask what was going to play for the club again. on and I had to tell him the same information, but he is keen to train and so I told him to get back to us. Personally I would say the

transfer is still more on than off but the longer it goes on, the County at the Baseball Ground worse it is for everyone concerned. There will be an outcome and we will be looking to speed up that outcome this week."

Villa's company secretary, Steve Stride, said: "The logical next step is a trip to Italy to resolve it once and for all."

The stumbling block still appears to be Perugia's failure to off-load striker Marco Negri, who has been attracting the interest of Seville. Perugia were banking on receiving around 12m from that deal to help finance the Milosevic deal, hence their reason for now only being willing to pay around half of the £4.5m Villa had been hoping for. crucial factor.

tion to Italy later this week to chairman Doug Ellis yesterday to see if he could press ahead sevic's projected move to with a £6m bid for Liverpool's Stan Collymore, irrespective of whether Milosevic is sold.

Ellis was away from Villa Park attending a Football Association meeting in London and unavailable for comment. He has already sanctioned the spending of £21m on players during Little's near two-year reign at the club.

The Brazilian Emerson set to resume training with his Middlesbrough team-mates today for the first time since his late return from a holiday in his native country.

That is expected to be the

with manager Bryan Robson over the future of his £4m midfield player, who returned to "Savo rang me before the Brazil reportedly vowing never Robson held initial brief discussions with Emerson on Saturday after he arrived back in England 72 hours late but then

broke off to concentrate on

Monday's game with Derby

The Boro boss was not at the Riverside Stadium yesterday and he gave his first-team square the day off from training after they lost 2-1 to the Rams, a game watched from the stand by Emerson, who still has to serve two matches of a three-

game suspension. Middlesbrough have already made it clear that they will insist on Emerson honouring his four-year contract. But Robson is keen to smooth over troubled waters if possible and the question of helping Emerson's homesick girlfriend Andrea settle in the north-east will be



Revitalised Leonard the leader of the pack

Rugby Union

The England coach, Jack Rowell, may be far from confident about his goal-kicking options as he prepares his side for this weekend's international opener with Italy - you might say he is having kittens over Mike Catt - but at least he has his front row sorted out.

That is just as well, given the fact that the Argentinians are

now in town. Rowell gave his squad a full afternoon's work-out at Bisham Abhey vesterday and finished the

session by declaring Mark Regan, wards the hard way. He finished 14 December. Even though will pose their now traditional enhant tomorrow and his booker, fully recovered from the 1992 Five Nations campaign they arrived in London yester- problems in the forward ex- Southwest are in a a worrying thumb injury and naming Jason Leonard, his tighthead prop, as de facto vice-captain. The popular Harlequin wins his 50th cap against the Italians and will mark the occasion

by leading the pack.

Jason is a key man, a lead singer in the group," Rowell said. "At 28 he is still young and getting better. He's gone up a gear since last season, has done great things at Quins since taking over as captain and if anything should happen to Phil de Glanville against Italy, he will take over." Leonard has earned his rebind in the last few scrums against Wales on Grand Slam day at Twickenham - and serious neck problems were diagnosed

immediately after that match. His recovery was quick and complete. however, and he has since proved himself a world-class performer on both sides of the front row. The Italians are likely to find him at something approaching

his best on Saturday but Leonard and the rest of the England tight forwards are fully aware that the real questions will be asked by the Argentinians on

day without a single member of the outstanding front row from last year's World Cup - Mattias Corral is living in America, Patricio Noriega is playing his rugby in Australia and the best of the lot, Federico Mendez, is about to join Bath - they did unveil a real hard nut in the shape of their new technical adviser,

Alex "Grizz" Wyllie. The former New Zealand wing-forward and national coach has worked with the Pumas before and believes Argentina, for all their amateur status in a professional world,

Unfortunately for the tourists, the endless wrangle between the Rugby Football Union and its leading clubs has ensured that their programme is nowhere near as demanding as originally intended. The London Division has been reduced to picking a side of Third Division standard or land's best side and that is what worse for the opener at Twick- matters to us."

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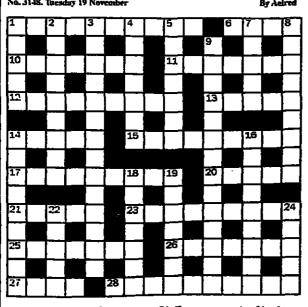
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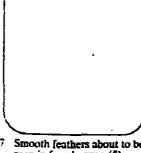
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Giddins joins Warwickshire

Warwickshire believe Ed Giddins can go on to full England bonours after they offered him the chance to rebuild his career. The England A pace bowler yesterday agreed a three-year contract from 1998 to play for the county when he completes at 19-

month ban for a drugs offence. The 25-year-old Giddins was eleased by Sussex when he tested positive for cocaine this summer and as many as 10 counties were said to be interested in signing him.

Warwickshire believe the player, who will be paid a retainer to take part in midweek net practice while he plays league cricket in the south next year, is determined to get his career back on track.

"He realises he has made a mistake. That's all behind him now," the Warwickshire chief executive. Dennis Amiss. said. "He'll have served his penal-

ty by the time he comes to us in 1998. He's really focused and has convinced us that cricket is his future. He wants to play and do a good job for Warwickshire but he also wants to go on and play for England. I believe that Warwickshire can help him do that.
"He will strengthen our squad
and we look forward to seeing

him with us for the 1998 season Giddins, who lost his appeal gainst the ban 10 days ago, said: "Deciding to join Warwickshire was a hard decision for me but just walking in at Edghaston I felt a buzz. They have been the most successful side over the last three or four years and there's no rea-son why that shouldn't continue." staff at Sussex for six years, de-cided to join Warwickshire after a series of meetings with the county.

The England leg-spinner lan Salisbury has rejected the best offer Sussex have ever made to a player and has joined Surrey on a three-year contract. Salisbury. 26, had been at Hove for seven years and decided to move on despite Sussex's offer of a five-year contract with the promise of a benefit.

Secretary Nigel Bett said that "every effort" had been made to change Salisbury's mind. He added: "Ian has kept us fully aware of his plans and there has been no disagreement between the club and himself. Now that his future is settled we must plan for 1997 without him," England A triumph, page 29

Record profits for Wimbledon

Tennis

Wimbledon made a record profit of £29.1m at the 1996 championships. The profit, £1.2m more than the previous record set in 1995, is the icing on the cake for the Lawn Tennis Association, who receive this vast surplus from the All England Club each year for the improvement

of the game in Britain. lan Peacock, who retires as LTA chief executive at the end of the year, believes that this year has been one of "exciting progress for British tennis both

on and off the court", For the first time in 18 years, Britain has two men, Tim Henman (at 29) and Greg Ruseds-

men's rankings, while Martin Lee and James Trouman place us in eighth position in the junior boys' rankings." Peacock says.

"Amongst the girls the position is less spectacular but there has been a steady rise in the rankings of our players this year, albeit from a modestbase, and the achievement of our girls in being runners-up in the world 14-and-under team

championships gives cause for some optimism for the future." During the year, the first British ATP Tour event on clay was staged at Bournemouth in September; a new coach licensing scheme was introduced

ki (48), ranked in the world's top 50. "Their joint ranking places to raise the standards of British coaching: 38 county develop-Britain ninth in the world's ment officers was appointed to assist the game at grass roots level; while Jeremy Bates takes over as manager of national training on 1 January.

Five more indoor centres had been opened, making a total of 46 either in operation or construction and a further six training centres were opened to bring the total to 22.

Peacock praised the All England Club. He said: "Over the last 10 years, thanks to the success of the Wimbledon championships, the LTA has been able to re-build the infrastructure for tennis in this country.

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